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# Presidential Address

To the 131st Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society  
Adyar, 26 December 2006

It is with much pleasure that I welcome all of you to this 131st International Convention, and wish you a joyful and stimulating time at our once again lush Adyar Headquarters. Let us invoke the blessings of our Elder Brethren, whose compassionate guidance and care continue to revitalize our Society. Please rise:

**May those who are the embodiments of Love immortal bless with their help and guidance this Society, founded to be a channel for their work. May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it with their Power, and energize it with their Activity.**

I now call upon the Vice-President, who is especially concerned with the coming centenary commemoration, to begin this address.

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Brothers and Sisters, this meeting, which is held on the eve of the year in which we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of our Founder-President, Henry Steel Olcott, is an especially significant one. Colonel Olcott was devoted to the Masters who were the primary inspiration for the founding of our Society. So the traditional invocation to them, which the President has just delivered, is particularly relevant on this occasion.

The past of the Theosophical Society is represented particularly by Colonel Olcott, and the future of the Theosophical Society is embodied especially in all the work of our President, Mrs Radha Burnier. The Society's past and its future

are knit together by unbreakable bonds through our commitment to the aims of the Masters of the Wisdom. Those great-souled ones do not dictate to the Society, or to anyone, the details of what should be done and how. But they set before us three ideals: (1) the unity of all life, (2) the orderly progress of the universe, and (3) the responsibility each of us has to participate in evolutionary advancement in whatever way we best can. Those ideals are implicit in the three Fundamental Propositions of *The Secret Doctrine*. If we do our part to live those ideals, if we TRY, we can be sure that the Masters will do theirs, by helping us.

The world today seems to be riven by discord and violence, by ignorance

and hate, by uncertainty and fear. Yet Theosophy teaches us that, at the heart of all things, we find harmony and peace, wisdom and love, confidence and hope. Let us remember the lonely figure of Arjuna slumped down, despondent, on the floor of his chariot upon the field of Kurukshetra before the onset of the Great War. In a sense, each of us is Arjuna, the world in which we live is Kurukshetra, and now is the time of the Mahābhārata.

Prince Arjuna was despondent because he had lost insight into the nature of life. His initiation into right action, devoted confidence, and knowledge of Truth was provided by Lord Kṛṣṇa. What Arjuna learned from Kṛṣṇa on that dreadful battlefield of Kurukshetra was threefold. One thing he learned is that the world is an intelligible place, full of order and system, even if we cannot readily see it. All things in life cohere: the world makes sense. Another thing he learned is that there is a loving providence that oversees all events in this world. We human beings may make dreadful mistakes, we may blunder and err in all that we put our hands to; but there is a cosmic Kṛṣṇa, from whom the universe emanates and to whom it returns in the fullness of time. As the cosmic Christ told a 15th century English mystic named Juliana of Norwich: 'All shall be well.' The Anglo-American poet T. S. Eliot paraphrased those words in his poem 'Little Gidding' from *Four Quartets*:

And all shall be well and  
All manner of things shall be well

When the tongues of flame are  
in-folded  
Into the crowned knot of fire  
And the fire and the rose are one.

But the most important thing Arjuna learned, and indeed the first thing he learned in the *Gītā*, is that each of us can embody the intelligence of the universe and realize the loving oversight of providence in this life if we act rightly. Right action is acting, not according to any set of commandments or abstract rules, but rather according to one's own inner nature, one's *svadharma*. That is what Arjuna did, that is why he was a prince among men, and that is what we also are called to do.

We — you and I, all of us — are Arjuna. We too must learn to act without regard for the fruit of action. That is, we must do what is right, not what we hope will benefit us. We must act, not for ourselves, but for the whole. H. P. Blavatsky told us that Theosophy is altruism, acting for the whole, not for our separate selves. And she told us that membership in the Theosophical Society is not adherence to a set of ideas, but rather a way of living. 'Theosophist is', she said, 'who Theosophy does.' What we believe is less important than what we do. That was the message Kṛṣṇa gave Arjuna, and it is the message Theosophy gives us. That message, which is the timeless truth of Theosophy, is especially timely today. Both world events and the Olcott anniversary that we are about to commemorate call us to a realization of that message.

Consider the life of Colonel Olcott. He was a practical man, an expert in agriculture. He had served his country well, in war and in peace. He had a promising career as a lawyer and a gentleman correspondent for New York newspapers. But when he met Madame Blavatsky, he heard a call from another world. And he answered it. He committed himself to the service of the Masters. And service to them is done through service to the world.

In New York City, Colonel Olcott was inspired to suggest the founding of the Theosophical Society, without knowing what it was to be. Then he answered a call to come to India without knowing what to expect — knowing only that he had been called by his *svadharma* to travel around the world to a new life. He worked for the civil rights of Sri Lankans and travelled to England in pursuit of those rights. He laboured for the welfare of the socially deprived in India. He was concerned for children and provided schools for their education. He discovered that he had healing powers, and benefited many people by curing them of their ailments. He promoted learning and the study of ancient Indic manuscripts; he founded the Adyar Library for that purpose. He was a moving force in the Buddhist revival, promoting understanding among all branches of that religion. He dealt fairly and honestly with all people.

Colonel Olcott was not only the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society, he was in many ways a model Theosophist. The Colonel was not per-

fect; he was human. But he followed the injunction of the Master: he *tried*. And in trying, he set an example for all of us who come after him. When he came to the end of his life, he could appropriately hear the words that Christ put into the mouth of a master in his parable of the talents: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord.'

Now, today, as we look about us on the world stage, we see a tragic drama of immense proportions. Sectarian strife, corporate greed, governmental malfeasance, diplomatic incompetence, genocidal persecution, religious bigotry, tribal violence, official crimes, clerical abuse — these are the ways of the world all around us. What can we do about such pervasive and virulent wickedness among the nations?

As Madame Blavatsky has told us, Theosophists do not, as Theosophists, meddle in politics. As individuals, we follow our conscience in such matters and treat the ills of the world to the best of our ability, as Colonel Olcott did in Sri Lanka, India, and elsewhere, and as Mrs Besant did in England and India. Where there is pain and sorrow, as human beings we must do what we can to relieve and comfort the suffering. We must apply emergency care to alleviate the symptoms of the disease to which humanity is prone.

But, as Theosophists, we have a different responsibility. As Theosophists, we do not limit ourselves to emergency care by triage. Instead, we look to the



diagnosis of the Great Physician and seek to apply his prescription to the world's ills. The cause of the world's ills is ignorance. It is the belief that you and I are separate from each other. It is the belief that I can do something to benefit myself without regard for its effect on you. The cure for the world's ills is a realization of the essential unity of all life and the adoption of a course of life that conforms with such a realization.

The prescription to effect that cure is the one Kṛṣṇa gave to Arjuna. It is to act with confidence in the wisdom of the cosmic system and the love that moves the sun and the other stars (as Dante says in the *Paradiso*). Such action must be free from personal desire; it must be motivated solely by our concern for the welfare of all beings. We must, in effect, take the bodhisattva vow. The bodhisattva vow is said to be a pledge not to enter Nirvāṇa until all beings can do so together. But actually it is simply a recognition that all life is one. And because all life is one, nothing can happen to any of us that does not affect all of us. Our concern for one another is the same thing as our concern for ourselves.

Such a concern manifests itself in two ways: first, by abstaining as far as we are able from causing harm to any other being; and second, by striving to the best of our ability to further the free evolution of all other beings towards perfection. If we act in such a way, then eventually, when we hear the question that Lord

Kṛṣṇa puts to all who follow the Path, we will be able to answer with Arjuna: 'Destroyed is my delusion, I have gained knowledge through thy grace, O immutable one. I am firm, my doubts have fled away. I will do according to thy word.'

This is not what Christian theologians call a 'counsel of perfection', meaning an act of such extraordinary difficulty that only those of exceptional holiness can achieve it. It is rather a simple act of ordinary humanity. To be sure, we are not yet fully human. We are only on the road to full or perfect humanity. For the present, the best we can do is to act with a constant eye to human perfection. Such action requires a model. There are great models, like the Buddha, like Christ, like Kṛṣṇa. But Arjuna and Colonel Olcott are also models for such action. They were imperfect beings, but they tried. And by their trying, they showed us what can be achieved.

So, as we go through this convention, let us keep a constant eye to human perfection. And we cannot do better in that regard than to remember the life and accomplishments of our President-Founder, Henry Steel Olcott. Let his life be to each of us a beacon of light in the dark world. Let us follow his example and that of Prince Arjuna by each following our own *svadharma*s as we serve one another and all living beings.

Now I call on the international Secretary, Miss Mary Anderson, to continue with a report on work around the world.

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## Work around the World

Theosophical activities in different countries of the world give us cause to rejoice in their success stories, but also provide constructive suggestions for our own activities. An increase in membership figures is one measure of success, but a more important one is the doing of good Theosophical work!

Because of lapses, membership has dropped in the Indian Section, which engages in varied Theosophical activities in sixteen Federations, some larger in area and membership than many smaller TS Sections! The Section will investigate the causes for this drop and ways to increase Theosophical activities for youth. The Indian Section Convention was held again in Adyar during the international Convention, and included a symposium on 'Truth: Its Nature and Dimensions'. The Section Headquarters in Varanasi had numerous activities, including twenty public lectures on themes related to the Objects and work of the Society. An essay contest for students of the High and Intermediate Schools was based on the book *Annie Besant on Right Citizenship*. Study camps in Varanasi featured Professor P. Krishna and Dr N. C. Ramanujachary, Joint General Secretary. Studies at the South Indian Conference in Adyar were based on Clara Codd's *The Way of the Disciple*, the international President giving talks followed by audience participation. Mrs Burnier also lectured and directed study camps and retreats in many other places.

The General Secretary was chief guest at the Annual Conferences of several Federations. Dr Ramanujachary also lectured widely within the Section. National Lecturers and others travelled extensively, conducting study camps and workshops, visiting Lodges and holding lectures. The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) was very active throughout India. In the Chennai region, further relief was provided to victims of the tsunami. The monthly journal *The Indian Theosophist* has a circulation of 3,200.

The National President of the Theosophical Society in America reports a rise in membership, partly due to new approaches to attracting and retaining members. Services and resources on the internet have also been increased and improved. The National Headquarters is interacting with the local community to increase its awareness of the Society. A 'Theosofest' proved very successful, with about 800 attending. The quality of books published is being improved and production costs reduced. Library hours have been extended. Regional conferences have increased membership around the country. A Strategic Team has been formed to attract and inspire new members. The National Gathering, with the theme 'Theosophy in Action', featured the international President and attracted nearly 100 participants.

In Canada there are four active Lodges and some study centres, mainly in the west and the east of that vast country.

Because of the country's size, many are unattached members. The emphasis is on promoting knowledge of Theosophy rather than forming a large organization with numerous Lodges. A sign of success is the website of the TS in Canada, which receives many visitors daily.

The Australian Section's membership has increased. The Ven. Professor Samdhong Rinpoche, Prime Minister of the Tibetan Government in Exile and a life member of the TS in India, visited the National Headquarters in Sydney on Adyar Day. A radio programme featured interviews with the international President and two Sydney members. A first regional workshop was held at the Headquarters. An enthusiastic new group has formed in Queensland. Educational activities are expanding. The Section continues its financial support to the international Headquarters at Adyar and to the Indo-Pacific Federation. The services offered by the Campbell Theosophical Research Library are much appreciated. An Indo-logical section has been added to the Section's library. The Chairman of the European Federation and Mr Ed Abdill of New York toured the Section, as did the National Lecturers.

The theme of the New Zealand Section Convention was 'Exploring Theosophy in Living Traditions'. Those traditions included Tibetan Bon, Sufi, Baha'i, and Maori. Mr and Mrs Ed and Mary Abdill were guest speakers at the School of Theosophy, with Mr Abdill holding sessions on 'Foundations of the Ageless Wisdom' and Mrs Abdill also giving

talks and facilitating meetings. Regional Groups, with the active participation of the General Secretary, are doing positive work in bringing members in their respective areas together. The National Headquarters provides programme facilitators to branches throughout the country to help Lodges become more independent, and also to provide support such as national lecturers. Lodge programmes aim at a balanced mixture of service, meditation, and study. Outreach programmes are being developed with a view to presenting Theosophy to the public. There has been a slight decrease in membership.

In Pretoria and Johannesburg in South Africa, discussion groups are familiarizing members with Theosophy and the Society. Study courses are also held in these two cities, the courses in Johannesburg being attended by about 30 persons. An interactive panel discussion on Theosophy has been introduced at some public lectures. The General Secretary spent a week in Durban, promoting Theosophical teachings through discussions, lectures, and a one-day seminar. She also visited Capetown Lodge, where she lectured on 'The Light of Theosophy'. Sixty participants attended the Convention. The focus for the immediate future will be on building up Lodge membership and ensuring that members become more familiar with Theosophical values and teachings.

The West African Section has Lodges and Centres in Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, and Liberia. Membership remains at 251.



The General Secretary visited Nigeria and held useful discussions. The keynote of the well-attended Annual Convention was 'The Theosophical Society, its Work and Theosophy'. A weekend seminar was devoted to the theme 'Understanding Theosophy and the Purpose of Life on Earth'. Work progresses on the headquarters building in Accra, Ghana. Book sales increased threefold over the previous year. The annual school, on 'The Human Ego, Birth and Evolution', was directed by Mr Isaac K. Zaney in Accra. A weekend seminar was also organized in Eastern Ghana, on 'Understanding Theosophy and the Purpose of Life on Earth'.

In the French-speaking Ivory Coast, meetings are held weekly in spite of the difficult political and military situation. Study is based on *The Key to Theosophy* and an introduction to *The Secret Doctrine* and, in response to the troubled situation in the country, recurrent themes are peace, harmony, brotherhood, and karma.

The General Secretary of the Italian Section, the largest in Europe, reports a slight drop in membership — to 1,141. Most of the members belong to the 42 Lodges and 9 Centres. This year the Italian Section organized the annual 'Pays Latins' Summer School at the international Theosophical Centre in Naarden, Holland, with the international President as guest speaker. The subject of the annual Seminar held in collaboration with the European Federation was 'Compassion according to *The Doctrine of the Heart*'. Other seminars dealt

with 'Theosophical Thought in Ancient Philosophy' and 'Theosophy in the Life, Work and Thought of J. Krishnamurti'. Publications included a new Italian translation of Dr Besant's *The Doctrine of the Heart*, a revised translation of the *Bhagavadgītā*, reprints of *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters* and *Esoteric Buddhism* and various original works in Italian. The Section magazine appears monthly. More than 3,000 persons visit the website of the TS in Italy every month.

In the English Section, where membership increased by 101, attendance at weekly lectures at the headquarters in London averaged 30 or, in the case of speakers like Dr Rupert Sheldrake, rose to 50 or 60. Seminars were held on subjects including *The Mahatma Letters* and weekly courses conducted on 'Theosophy: The Way to Self-Discovery' and *The Secret Doctrine*. The Information Department received more than 750 enquiries. Mrs Betty Bland, the National President of the American Section, delivered the Blavatsky Lecture entitled 'The Virtuous Key' as the guest speaker at the Summer School near Northampton, with the keynote 'Living Wisdom' and attendance of more than 100. Regional conferences were held at Tekels Park and elsewhere. Many Lodges used a Web course — Mr Eric McGough's *The Wisdom and the Way*.

Finland, with a comparatively large membership (458) considering the population of the country, has 22 Lodges and 3 study centres, some meeting even twice

weekly. Public lectures were held weekly at the headquarters in Helsinki and elsewhere. The highlight of the year was the Summer School at the Section's Centre in Kreivilä, the subject being 'Perceiving Truth', with Prof. Krishna as guest speaker. Other summer activities were a Northern Finland weekend and a weekend with Theosophical sister organizations, the theme being 'Death and Reincarnation'. Presidents and representatives of Lodges met in Turku to discuss 'The Challenges of Theosophical Work', and 50 members participated in the annual convention. The Section's magazine appears six times yearly and two letters are sent to all members, with study material. New publications included *The Religion of our Kalevalan Forefathers* and translations of *Ancient Wisdom — Modern Insight* and *Thought Forms*. Eleven cities have Theosophical libraries. The Section's centenary and the European Congress will be held in Finland from 14 to 18 July 2007.

The Icelandic Section is most active, especially in the capital, Reykjavik, where there are public lectures every Friday between October and early May, attracting audiences of between 40 and 60 persons. Informal meetings are held on Saturdays, with refreshments, discussion or videos. Meditation meetings and a meditation course are also held. The Chairman of the European Federation visited Reykjavik and conducted a seminar on 'To Discover your Own Dharma'. The magazine *Gangleri*, published twice a year, contains 96 pages and is sent to

more than 700 subscribers (in a country of 300,000). The summer school was held in Reykjavik.

The keynote of the Swedish Section's Summer School was 'Silence', with the English General Secretary as guest speaker and 23 participants. A weekend meeting was devoted to Krishnamurti's teachings. A 'Summer Dialogue' attracted 15 participants. In addition to 6 Lodges, 2 new study centres have started. In Norway membership has dropped below a level at which recovery is difficult. However, two seminars were organized in Oslo, at one of which Prof. P. Krishna was the speaker.

In Wales, 3 new Lodges have been added to the existing Lodge in Cardiff and membership has almost doubled in the past two years. Dynamic young members have organized courses which attract many new members. The Theosophical Society in Ireland is also in the process of growing, with talks in the two Lodges and the study centres on classical Theosophical themes. Study notes are provided every second month, with a letter from the Organizing Secretary. An Irish Theosophical Newsletter and a website are planned. The visit of the international President and her lectures in Dublin and Belfast provided much inspiration.

In the Netherlands the renovated headquarters building, housing the bookshop and the library (with 21,000 books) as well as a lecture hall, is proving attractive to the public. Ten Lodges and 8 Study Centres are active in the Section. Meetings held at a national level included the

Summer School, with the international President as guest speaker, giving talks and leading discussions on *The Mahatma Letters*. National Study Groups met four times at the Headquarters, as well as a newly initiated Public Relations Group.

Lodges in Germany have continued to meet regularly on a weekly or fortnightly basis. About 20 members attended the autumn and spring weekend meetings in the north of Germany. The summer school attracted about 25 members and friends, who studied 'The Secret of Consciousness'.

In the French Section, membership has fallen slightly — to 392. The theme of the Annual Convention was 'Know Thyself', presented in a symposium by three speakers, followed by discussion. The former General Secretary, Mrs Danielle Audoin, held a public lecture on this occasion — on 'Brotherhood and Self-Knowledge'. Lodges met once a month to study Theosophical literature. There were fortnightly public lectures in Paris and Marseilles. Three seminars were held in Paris, in collaboration with the European Federation. Publications included French translations of *Gods in Exile* and *Science and Occultism*. The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* appeared every month.

The Spanish Summer School on the Costa Brava had an attendance of 140, the theme being 'Seeking Self-Realization', with Gaspar Torres from Cuba as an inspiring guest speaker. The Iberian Days, with the subject 'Awakening', attracted 75 participants, including 14 members

from Portugal. Two new Lodges were founded during the year in Alicante and Cáceres. The Portuguese General Secretary reports strengthening links with other European Sections, in particular with Spain. A seminar was organized on 'Religions Today' with the Chairman of the European Federation.

Another country where membership has grown is Belgium, with a new Flemish-speaking Lodge and members in Brussels looking forward to installing a new headquarters building. Studies were based on Theosophical classics and the thought of Krishnamurti. Introductory study courses are also held regularly. Members and sympathizers are provided with study material, along with monthly programmes.

In Hungary also, a Lodge has been chartered — the first for many years — in the east of the country and is very active, holding weekly meetings on Saturdays from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Classical Theosophical themes in relation to modern living were studied. In Budapest monthly public lectures were held on fundamental Theosophical subjects.

Slovenia now has 69 members. Those interested are admitted to membership only after two years of attendance at introductory meetings for candidates. This makes for a more stable membership. Summer and winter schools are organized, attended by about 40 members, sometimes with the Chairman of the European Federation or the international Secretary as guest speaker. TOS activities have been taken up.

In Switzerland, the Presidential Representative and her team are working enthusiastically in Geneva to build up the Theosophical Society there, holding basic introductory courses with infectious enthusiasm. The Chairman of the European Federation and the international Secretary held seminars in Geneva. A small group is also working in the German-speaking area.

The Theosophical Society in Argentina is active, with a slightly increasing membership. The summer and winter schools, as also the gathering known as 'Living Theosophy' (where those present share the chores: cooking, cleaning, and so on) attracted about 40 participants from different parts of the country as well as from Chile. Many of these gatherings were held in the Theosophical Centre in San Rafael, which is in the process of expansion. At the summer school there were discussions on how Theosophy can be introduced to young people. Young members are working harmoniously together in the Section, some of them also belonging to the National Council. Within the Lodges, Theosophical classics were studied, for example, books by H. P. Blavatsky, Annie Besant and Dr Taimni. A new project is the inclusion of meditation groups in Lodge programmes. *No Other Path to Go* (Radha Burnier) has been translated and printed.

The Brazilian Section, the largest in Latin America with 807 members, had a slight decrease in membership. The Society there operates in 5 local regions and spreads Theosophy through 57 TV

channels in 48 cities. The international Secretary lectured in Sao Paulo and Brasilia and gave courses on Yoga and *The Mahatma Letters* at the Theosophical Centre near the capital during her stay of about two weeks in the country, which was part of a wider tour through Latin America. The Brazilian Section published a book by its General Secretary, entitled *The Science of Astrology and the Mystery Schools*, which was also the subject of a seminar.

The Colombian Section hosted the Eighth Caribbean Theosophical Seminar in a beautiful estate outside Bogotá, on 'Education and Wisdom'. About 70 members from 10 countries in the Caribbean area attended. Most Lodges met weekly. Public lectures were held in Bogotá. Material for study is often taken from the Section's magazine, which is sent by email to about 70 members in Latin America and is also available to the public. A basic course attracted 25 to 30 members and sympathizers.

In Mexico, the centenary celebration of Aura Lodge — and of organized Theosophical work in the country — strengthened the work of all the Lodges. The subject of the Autumn School was 'The Ether of Keely'. Two cycles of lectures were held at the national headquarters. Courses included 'What is Theosophy?', Patañjali's *Yoga-Sutra-s* and 'Vegetarian Diet'.

Chile benefited from visits by the Argentinean General Secretary and her husband, who held a lecture and workshop on Yoga, as well as by the



international Secretary and the President of the Inter-American Federation. Public activities included presentations on 'Learning to Die', 'Paradoxes of Karma' and 'Education and Peace', as well as the human constitution, karma, reincarnation, sacrifice, The Golden Stairs, and the Theosophical Society and its members. The headquarters building in Santiago has been renovated. Unfortunately burglars have since broken into the building and stolen valuable material.

Bolivia held a national meeting to study 'Life after Death' and welcomed Argentinean lecturers. Weekly activities at the Headquarters aim at attracting young students to the Theosophical Society. Courses and lecture topics included Yoga, 'Māyā', 'A Walk through the Headquarters in Adyar', 'Lake Titicaca', and 'Ecology and Theosophy'.

The Theosophical Society in Central America embraces Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala. Unfortunately, the information received this year is very scanty, although it is reported that Blavatsky Lodge in Managua held 41 meetings with an average attendance of 8 members and enquirers. Moreover, although no report was received from the Lodges in El Salvador and Guatemala, they are known to hold regular meetings.

In Costa Rica, 7 members joined (or rejoined) the Society after attending an introductory course. At the 2005 Congress, it had been decided that a Theosophical Centre should be established in Costa Rica to serve the Central American and Caribbean area. A suitable site has

now been found, easily accessible, in a wooded area, and with a running brook. In the Lodges, courses were held on *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters* and *Self-Culture*. The life and work of Colonel Olcott was studied with a view to the centenary celebrations.

The implementation of plans for the work in Puerto Rico were delayed partly due to a fire, as a result of which all the office equipment was destroyed and the building could not be used for some months. There was a substantial drop in membership, 22 members resigning or lapsing. On the other hand, 9 new members joined and attendance at weekly public lectures rose. Participation in two radio programmes resulted in good publicity, attracting new enquirers. There was a full house for a basic course on Theosophy. Mr Isaac Jauli visited the country and conducted a workshop and gave lectures, which were well attended, as well as a radio interview.

The Presidential Agent for the Dominican Republic (who lives in Puerto Rico) reports that she paid two visits to that country to lecture and bring books for the library. She also provided a beginners' course. A summer school was held, with Mr Isaac Jauli as guest speaker. He also lectured at the university in Santo Domingo, attracting an audience of 200, and held a workshop with 40 participants. He spoke to the members about commitment and Theosophical work.

In Venezuela, the 2 Lodges are studying a Basic Course on Theosophy and I. K. Taimni's *Self-Culture*. At the request

of the President of the World Teacher Trust, a presentation of Theosophy was given to a group of 25 persons in the Atheneum of Caracas, which resulted in a radio programme on the Society.

A new Lodge has been chartered in Bandung, Indonesia, and 2 new study centres have been formed. The annual convention took place in Malang, with a record attendance of 90. The theme was 'Universal Brotherhood through Understanding Theosophy'. A study camp was conducted at Batu, with five speakers and twenty participants. The President of the Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation visited the country and lectured to the public in three cities, as well as participating in the 43rd anniversary of the Section in Jakarta and visiting an earthquake-hit area.

The Philippine Section held its Annual Convention at the National Headquarters in Quezon City, the theme being 'Awakening to the Higher Self'. Symposia and workshops were held on the work for the coming year. Bacolod Lodge hosted a public seminar on 'Theosophy: The Ageless Wisdom' and conducted a training course for Theosophical speakers, covering also such areas as comparative religion, parapsychology, *The Secret Doctrine*, and *The Mahatma Letters*. Some new study centres have been formed. The General Secretary and others gave lectures on a variety of subjects to various associations.

Membership has increased slightly in Pakistan. Weekly study classes were conducted by the Presidential Represent-

ative. Several yoga and meditation classes were also organized. The President of the Indo-Pacific Federation and the National President of the Australian Section, Mr and Mrs Pedro and Linda Oliveira, visited Pakistan and gave a series of talks and a seminar on 'The Future of the TS'. An Urdu translation of *At the Feet of the Master* is now available. *The Karachi Theosophist* appears bimonthly. The Library is open daily, having 299 members, of whom 108 are active borrowers.

In Sri Lanka, a quarterly letter was sent to members and others. Public lectures were held monthly in Colombo. Numerous TPH publications were displayed at an international book fair and Theosophical books are now available for sale at the TS headquarters. The Presidential Representative has participated in group discussions on Theosophy on a number of local radio programmes. Publication is proceeding. Maintenance work is being undertaken on the Headquarters building. Preparations are under way for the commemoration of the centenary of Colonel Olcott's passing, including an awareness programme in selected schools in Badulla. Eight handouts on the Colonel's work for Buddhism have been distributed to school children and the public.

The Presidential Representative for South-East Asia reports that Olcott Lodge in Dhaka, Bangladesh, has held study classes and published articles in English and Bengali newspapers, and that the Dhaka study centre has taken up some serious topics. Comilla Lodge holds study classes once a week. All 3 Lodges in

Chittagong District are now active. *The Key to Theosophy* is being studied in Selangor Lodge, Malaysia. Two other Lodges may have to be closed.

In three countries there are Lodges attached to Adyar. We hear little of the activity in Japan, but membership there is increasing. Singapore Lodge is very active and reports constant increases in membership, mostly from introductory courses. The numerous lapses are more than compensated by new admissions. Informal study meetings were held to answer students' questions. Among public talks were lectures by the Chairpersons of the European and the Indo-Pacific Federations. In Covenant Lodge in Tel Aviv (Israel), members' meetings were held three times a week, a variety of Theosophical subjects being studied. Three monthly public meetings were also organized.

During the year, the international President visited Europe and the United States between early July and late August. Her itinerary began with the Netherlands, where she held a seminar from 7 to 9 July on *The Mahatma Letters* at the international Theosophical Centre in Naarden, giving a talk each morning, suggesting themes for the various discussion groups and finally chairing a plenary session later in the day, at which she addressed questions. From 11 to 18 July, she visited Belfast and Dublin, where she gave inspiring lectures. Her trip then took her to the Headquarters of the American Section, in Wheaton, Illinois, where she spoke at the annual

convention. Then she gave programmes at the Krotona Centre in California. On her return trip, she stopped again at Naarden, where she was Guest of Honour at the Pays Latins Summer School.

Within India, during February the President visited Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Cuttak, Kolkata (Calcutta) and Hyderabad. She was the principal speaker at the 83rd South Indian Conference at Adyar in April 2006, the subject of study being Clara Codd's *The Way of the Disciple*. Each day she presented an inspiring talk on discipleship, followed by interaction with the participants. From late September to early October she visited various Indian Federations and lectured and interacted with members in Mumbai (Bombay), Jaipur, Delhi, Varanasi, and Lucknow, and in early November she visited Kolar, near Bangalore.

The international Vice-President, Dr John Algeo, taught a course on *The Voice of the Silence* at the School of the Wisdom in Adyar in January, which was very well received. He spoke at the summer school of the American Section and gave six PowerPoint-illustrated lectures on Esoteric Codes at the October European School of Theosophy in Athens. He spoke frequently in Atlanta, Georgia, and at the American National Headquarters in Wheaton, and published articles in Theosophical magazines.

From late March to early May, the international Secretary, Miss Mary Anderson, visited 7 countries in South America: Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Colombia, giving



lectures and short seminars. She then spent some time lecturing in Israel, Switzerland, Slovenia, Austria, and Germany, and visited England.

The Chairman of the European Federation, Miss Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu, gave talks and seminars in Switzerland, Iceland, Italy, Portugal, and Slovenia and conducted the School of the Wisdom at Naarden. The President of the Inter-American Federation, Mrs Terezinha Kind, accompanied the international Secretary on most of her South American tour. She discussed important administrative matters with local members, particularly during the Caribbean Seminar in Colombia. The Argentinian General Secretary and Mr Isaac Jauli lectured in Latin America, and the Dutch General Secretary visited Curacao. Mr Pedro Oliveira, President of the Indo-Pacific Federation, visited Karachi, Mumbai, Adyar, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia, giving talks to members and to the public. The Indo-Pacific Federation newsletter, publicity leaflets and other material were sent to various countries in the area and the Chinese edition of *At the Feet of the Master* was donated to all Sections worldwide. The President of the Pan-African Federation reports that work in the East and Central African Section included a well-attended weekend seminar in Nairobi on ethics and moral values.

In Adyar, we shall miss the young couple from Argentina, Dr Pablo Sender and Mrs Juliana Cesano, who have now returned home after two years of fruitful

work in our Archives and Editorial Office respectively. We must report the passing away of two of our stalwart workers, both aged ninety: Mr T. Laxman, who worked in our Maintenance Department as a competent and dedicated engineer, and Miss R. Padmini, who was active in our Archives and later in the Library.

The Theosophical Publishing House in Adyar, with the expert collaboration of the Vasanta Press, brought out 5 new books this year, 13 newly typeset versions of existing books and 25 reprints, some with new covers and improved printing and binding. Book distribution improved significantly, except in the US market. TPH sales increased by 15%, gross profit doubling. Royalty and copyright income increased by 63%. TPH participated in 8 book fairs in India. Future plans include a new bookshop on the Olcott School compound and e-commerce for online purchases and payments. The Adyar Library issued various publications, including the Adyar Library Bulletin No. 67.

The School of the Wisdom held two sessions this year, on *The Voice of the Silence* with Dr John Algeo and on spirituality in Eng'lish, Spanish and Marathi literature with Professor R. C. Tampi, Mrs Dolores Gago and Dr Satish Inamdar respectively.

The Olcott School reopened in June with 632 pupils, including new admissions. Out of the 69 students who sat for the final examination, 40 passed at their first attempt. There are now 25 boys resident in the HPB Hostel. More than 100

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little children are cared for in the Social Welfare Centre, where they receive, as do the Olcott School pupils, a nutritious breakfast and lunch. Twenty-three young women attended the one-year tailoring course at the Centre and 21 have joined such a course recently. Thirty-five institutions and scout groups utilized the

facilities of the Camping Centre, around 3,200 children benefiting from camping activities. At the Animal Dispensary the animals are vaccinated and minor operations performed, including birth control operations on cats and dogs.

The international President will now conclude this morning's address.

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Theosophists all over the world are working, each in his or her own way, to live Theosophy by acting with a constant eye to human perfection. Let us work together here and throughout the coming year with those at our international Headquarters in order to make that ideal a reality.

I now declare this 131st Annual Convention open.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2006



**THE TREASURER'S REPORT  
AND  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MARCH 2006**

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2005 - 2006

The salient features of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 are as under:

### 1. Income:

As per the Accounting standards decided by the council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and as advised by our Auditors, there has been a change during the year in the method of accounting of interest income from cash basis to accrual basis. That addition to interest income is reflected as a high surplus.

The Income for the year was Rs. 13,332,774/-. The details are as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2005 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2006 Rs.
Interest Received	15,531,805	14,672,380
Interest Accrued and not due	---	2,352,609
Fees and Dues	1,388,544	1,880,010
Surplus from		
Bhojansala and Leadbeater Chambers	101,994	-
Theosophical Publishing House	77,843	1,001,813
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	47,443	38,981
Vasanta Press	11,387	7,193
Theosophy Science Centre	724	-
General Donations	197,073	107,752
Licence Fees	137,000	132,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	559,781	206,806
	18,053,594	20,399,544
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	6,923,271	7,066,770
	<u>11,130,323</u>	<u>13,332,774</u>

The net interest income received for the year was Rs.8,350,191/-, after transferring the sum of Rs.6,322,189/- to earmarked funds. The gross interest for the year ended 31.03.06 fell by Rs.859,425/- as compared to the previous year because of the reduction in interest rates. Interest accrued and not due (Gross) amounts to Rs.2,352,609/-. The Fees and Dues received during the year amounted to Rs.1,880,010/-, as against Rs.1,388,544/- in the previous year. The Theosophical Publishing House showed a surplus of Rs.1,001,813/- in the current year as against Rs.77,843/- in the previous year, mainly because of increase in sales as well as Royalty Receipts and Copyright Fees. The surplus of *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter* of Rs.38,981/- is inclusive of interest accrued and not due for Rs.20,044/-. The actual surplus has declined. General Donations received during the year amounted to Rs.107,752/-, against Rs.197,073/- in the previous year.

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### 2. Expenditure:

The net expenditure of the Society for the year is Rs.16,551,691/- against Rs.20,132,764/- in the previous year, mainly due to reduced expenditure on charitable work. The break-up is as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2005 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2006 Rs.
Departments	4,358,918	4,858,364
Charitable work	10,725,091	5,340,461
Propagation of Theosophy	1,120,233	1,667,808
International Offices	603,398	609,021
Establishment	1,860,724	2,484,397
Other Expenses	<u>1,464,400</u>	<u>1,591,640</u>
	<u>20,132,764</u>	<u>16,551,691</u>

#### (a) Departments:

The net expenditure of the Departments for the year is Rs.4,858,364/-, compared to Rs.4,256,924/- in the previous year, an increase of Rs.601,440/-. The broad details are as follows:-

Departments	Year ended 31.03.2005 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2006 Rs.
Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers	-101,994	201,061
Garden	804,716	855,764
Maintenance	<u>3,554,202</u>	<u>3,801,539</u>
	<u>4,256,924</u>	<u>4,858,364</u>

Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers show a deficit of Rs.201,061/- in the current year, as compared to a surplus of Rs.101,994/- in the previous year, occupancy of rooms being variable from year to year. Boarding shows a deficit of Rs.178,866/-, an increase of Rs.105,022/- over the previous year as we are providing boarding at a very subsidized rate and lodging shows a deficit of Rs.22,195/- against the surplus of Rs.175,838/- in the previous year. The deficit in the Garden is Rs.855,764/- in the current year, compared to Rs.804,716/- in the previous year mainly because of a fall in garden produce income.

In respect of the Maintenance Department, the net expenditure has increased to Rs.3,801,539/- in the current year compared to Rs.3,554,202/- in the previous year. The following were the major expenses:-



	Year ended 31.03.2005	Year ended 31.03.2006
	Rs.	Rs.
Electricity Charges	1,971,684	2,063,778
Water Supply Installations	313,850	209,811
Telephones	34,880	38,464
Electrical Installation Maintenance	236,257	209,627
Boundaries	193,495	217,676
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	1,254,423	1,581,894
Other Maintenance costs including Depreciation	542,515	465,672
Office Salaries and Other Expenses	<u>524,773</u>	<u>546,469</u>
	5,071,877	5,333,391
Less: Recoveries	<u>1,517,675</u>	<u>1,531,852</u>
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b><u>3,554,202</u></b>	<b><u>3,801,539</u></b>

As usual, the repairs and maintenance of buildings and the electricity cost constitute a significant part of the overall expenses of the Maintenance Department, besides other expenses such as maintenance of water supply and electrical installations, boundaries and office costs. Many buildings are old and will need renovation in the next few years.

**(b) Charitable Work:**

The amount spent on Charitable Work for the year was Rs.5,340,461/-, as against Rs.10,725,091/- in the previous year. The difference is mainly due to a significant amount spent on Tsunami Relief work in the previous year. Other charitable expenses include the amounts spent on education, animal welfare, the hostel, social welfare and medical aid.

**(c) Propagation of Theosophy:**

The expenditure on Propagation of Theosophy for the year was as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2005	Year ended 31.03.2006
	Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Library and Research Centre (Net)	312,766	682,652
Archives and Museum	90,215	126,716
School of the Wisdom (Gross)	103,074	56,642
Book Gifts	179,295	262,778
Convention and Seminars	431,769	519,471
Others	<u>3,114</u>	<u>19,549</u>
	<b><u>1,120,233</u></b>	<b><u>1,667,808</u></b>



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In the case of the Adyar Library the net deficit is Rs.682,652/- in the current year, as against Rs.312,766/- in the previous year. The difference is on account of very old grants of Rs.379,203/- having been taken to income during the previous years. The expenditure of the School of the Wisdom is less compared to previous year as the second half of the programme could not be held. An amount of Rs.262,778/- was utilized for Book Gifts as compared to Rs.179,295/- in the previous year.

### **(d) Other Costs:**

The total cost of Establishment and International Offices was Rs.3,093,418/-, as against Rs.2,464,122/- in the previous year, mainly because of an increase in security expenses.

### **3. Net Surplus:**

The overall excess of income over expenditure for the year is Rs.319,089/-, plus Rs.1,628,072/- on account of Interest accrued and not due totalling Rs.1,947,161/- as compared to Rs.440,489/- for the previous year. The surplus of Rs.319,089/- is arrived at after appropriating Rs.600,000/- each to the Education Endowment Fund and the Adyar Security Endowment Fund.

### **4. Capital Expenditure:**

The total amount spent on Capital Account was Rs.1,778,023/- and relates to buildings, computers and accessories, fire extinguishers, car, furniture, etc.

### **5. Overall Position:**

The overall financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory. During the year the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund which is the Society's main Endowment Fund rose from Rs.51,379,596/- to Rs.55,950,770/- and other Funds from Rs.95,540,233/- to Rs.101,719,707/- inclusive of Rs.718,286/- of interest accrued and not due. During the year the Adyar Security Endowment Fund was started.

### **6. Acknowledgement:**

On behalf of the Society, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the continued support of the members throughout the world.

**K.S.DASTUR**  
Honorary Treasurer

CHENNAI  
28<sup>th</sup> October, 2006

## FEES AND DUES RECEIVED

**From 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006 (in Rupees)**

	<b>Name of Section etc.</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>2005-2006</b>
The Theosophical Society in:	Africa, East and Central	---	---
	Africa, South	6595	6600
	Africa, West	---	---
	America, Central	398	1770
	Argentina	46291	156185
	Asia, South-East	2138	16992
	Australia	113248	118205
	Austria	6104	4754
	Belgium	---	54780
	Bolivia	42927	14517
	Brazil	92733	72947
	Canada	23648	23287
	Chile	30241	30800
	Columbia	---	---
	Costa Rica	1589	31715
	Cuba	---	---
	Dominican Republic	---	12125
	England	---	---
	Ecuador	---	2655
	Finland	84378	74307
	France	---	55038
	Germany	41800	37059
	Greece	---	---
	Hungary	---	---
	Iceland	---	24426
	India	83624	49124
	Indonesia	3936	10949
	Ireland	2508	---
	Italy	100797	124845
	Ivory Coast	---	---
	Mexico	22670	22400

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Netherlands	---	71306
New Zealand	---	36020
Norway	7164	---
Pakistan	---	---
Peru	7298	6776
Philippines, The	---	---
Portugal	20424	22373
Puerto Rico	10409	---
Scotland	---	---
Slovenia	9831	8412
Spain	62075	71857
Sri Lanka	---	---
Sweden	22186	21099
Switzerland	---	19594
Togo	---	---
USA	469663	559526
Uruguay	---	17882
Venezuela	6076	10177
Wales	2776	8126
Lodges attached to Adyar:		
Israel	---	29679
Japan	12512	---
Fellows-at-large	52505	51703
	<u>1388544</u>	<u>1880010</u>

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**For FRASER & ROSS**  
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI  
18-10-2006

**BHAVANI BALASUBRAMANIAN**  
Partner

ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

AT 31ST MARCH 2006

As at 31-3-2005	ASSETS	Schedule No.	As at 31-3-2006	
Rs. 14,308,229	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	1	Rs.	Rs. 14,178,120
167,123,299	<b>Investments (at cost):</b> In Scheduled Banks, Financial Institutions, Public Sector Undertakings and Units with Unit Trust of India and Other Mutual Funds.			175,874,635
3,446,550	<b>Current Assets, Loans and Advances:</b> Stocks	2	7,809,111	
1,461,513	Sundry Debtors		1,319,954	
3,093,544	Cash and Bank Balances	3	5,571,347	
1,206,250	Loans and Advances	4	1,445,788	
9,207,857				16,146,200
—	Interest Accrued and Not Due			2,352,609
190,639,385				208,551,564

Schedule Numbers 1 to 6 and Notes on Accounts form part of the Balance Sheet. This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our report.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of  
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

K.S. DASTUR  
Hony. Treasurer

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Year ended 31-3-2005	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-2006	
		Rs.	Rs.
	<b>Departments (Net Expenditure):</b>		
804,716	Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	201,061	
3,554,202	Garden	855,764	
	Maintenance	3,801,539	
4,358,918			4,858,364
	<b>Charitable Work:</b>		
2,323,130	Animal Welfare	959,884	
2,362,000	Education	1,143,000	
27,100	Welfare Grants	21,200	
212,821	Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	230,432	
68,300	School Fees and Books	61,200	
42,104	Social Welfare Work	297,567	
503,000	H.P.B. Hostel	322,000	
5,160,036	Theosophical Order of Service-Tsunami Relief	2,283,578	
26,600	Others	21,600	
10,725,091			5,340,461
	<b>Propagation of Theosophy:</b>		
312,766	Adyar Library and Research Centre (Net)	682,652	
3,114	Information and Public Relations "	16,589	
90,215	Archives and Museum "	126,716	
—	Theosophy Science Centre "	2,960	
406,095		828,917	
103,074	School of the Wisdom (Gross)	56,642	
179,295	Book Gift "	262,778	
431,769	Convention & Seminars "	519,471	
714,138		838,891	
1,120,233			1,667,808
	<b>International Offices:</b>		
40,478	President and Vice-President	53,236	
347,114	Treasurer	333,605	
215,806	Secretary	222,180	
603,398			609,021
	<b>Establishment:</b>		
184,986	Headquarters	194,334	
124,051	General Manager's Office	114,543	
213,845	Housekeeping	272,292	
178,797	Sanitation	191,168	
1,159,045	Security	1,712,060	
1,860,724			2,484,397
18,668,364	c / f		14,960,051



Year ended 31-3-2005	INCOME	Year ended 31-3-2006	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
101,994	<b>Departments (Net Income):</b> Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers		—
	<b>Propagation of Theosophy (Net Income):</b>		
77,843	The Theosophical Publishing House		1,001,813
47,443	<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>		38,981
11,387	Vasanta Press		7,193
724	Theosophy Science Centre		
197,073	General Donations		107,752
15,531,805	Interest Received	14,672,380	
6,923,271	Less: Transferred to Various Funds	6,322,189	
8,608,534			8,350,191
	Interest Accrued and not Due	2,352,609	
—	Less: Transferred to Various Funds	744,581	
			1,608,028
1,388,544	Fees and Dues		1,880,010
137,000	Licence Fees		132,000
559,781	Miscellaneous Receipts		206,806
11,130,323	c / f		13,332,774



THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-2005	EXPENDITURE - <i>Contd</i>	Year ended 31-3-2006	
Rs. 18,668,364	b/f	Rs.	Rs. 14,960,051
	<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
17,585	Insurance	13,238	
34,000	Legal and Court Expenses	24,000	
86,454	Audit Fees	78,750	
131,406	Rates and Taxes	127,517	
2,426	Bank Charges	6,569	
945,900	Depreciation	941,712	
47,861	Motor Car Expenses	35,819	
115,601	Miscellaneous	173,271	
83,167	Provision for Gratuity	90,764	
	Provision for leave encashment	100,000	
1,464,400			1,591,640
20,132,764			16,551,691
	<b>Less : Transfer from other Funds</b>		
15,135	Adyar Estate Improvement Fund	—	
	<b>Charitable Work:</b>		
1,433,726	Animal Welfare	959,884	
1,944,880	Education	1,143,000	
42,104	Social Welfare Work	282,608	
120,145	H.P.B. Hostel	175,465	
5,160,036	Theosophical Order of Service	2,283,578	
	<b>Propagation of Theosophy:</b>		
312,766	Adyar Library and Research Centre	682,652	
103,074	School of the Wisdom	56,642	
179,295	Book Gift	262,778	
431,769	Convention & Seminars	519,471	
9,742,930			6,366,078
10,389,834			10,185,613
300,000	Transferred to Social Welfare Endowment Fund		
—	Transferred to Education Endowment Fund		600,000
—	Transferred to Adyar Security Endowment Fund		600,000
			11,385,613
440,489	Surplus transferred to General Fund		1,947,161
11,130,323			13,332,774

For FRASER & ROSS  
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI  
18-10-2006

BHAVANI BALASUBRAMANIAN  
Partner

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Notes on Accounts form part of these Accounts. This is the Income and Expenditure Account referred to in our report of even date.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of  
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

**K.S. DASTUR**  
Hony. Treasurer

# BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-3-2008

(Rupees in Thousands)

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Budget 05-06	Actuals 05-06	Budget 07-08		Budget 05-06	Actuals 05-06	Budget 07-08
<b>Departments (Net Expenditure)</b>				<b>Propagation of Theosophy</b>			
Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	216	201	337	Theosophical Publishing House	1,126	1,002	1,157
Garden	615	856	821	<i>The Theosophist &amp; Adyar Newsletter</i>		39	22
Maintenance	4,287	3,802	5,243	Vasanta Press	-	7	39
				Interest (Net)	6,500	8,350	8,500
<b>Charitable Work</b>				Membership Fees and Dues	2,200	1,880	1,800
Animal Welfare	1,500	960	1,100	Licence Fees	120	132	132
Education	2,500	1,143	1,100	Miscellaneous Receipts	200	207	200
Welfare Grants	100	21	25	General Donations	200	108	200
Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	250	230	250	Net Deficit	96	-	401
TOS	100	2,284	400	Interest Accrued and not due (net)		1,608	
School Fees and Books	120	61	90				
Social Welfare Work	300	298	400				
Others	30	22	30				
H.P.B. Hostel	200	322	400				
Utilization from Other Funds	-4,600	-4,845	-3,400				
<b>Propagation of Theosophy</b>							
Adyar Library and Research Centre	589	683	759				
<i>The Theosophist and Adyar Newsletter</i>	70	-	-				
Vasanta Press	34	-	-				
School of the Wisdom	60	57	100				
Book Gift	500	263	300				
Workers' Training Camp	20	-	20				
Information and Public Relations	5	17	10				
Archives and Museum	200	127	150				
Theosophy Science Centre	50	3	50				
Convention & Seminars	-	519	-				
Utilization from Other Funds	-1,169	-1,522	-1,159				
<b>International Offices</b>							
President and Vice-President	50	53	60				
Treasurer	380	334	380				
Secretary	230	222	280				
<b>Establishment</b>							
Headquarters	200	194	225				
General Manager's Office	150	114	125				
Housekeeping	300	272	300				
Sanitation	200	191	225				
Security	1,050	1,712	2,000				
<b>Other Expenses</b>							
Insurance Premiums	20	13	20				
Legal Expenses	40	24	40				
Audit Fees	90	79	100				
Rates and Taxes	350	127	200				
Motor Car Maintenance	60	36	60				
Miscellaneous	150	173	200				
Depreciation	1,100	942	1,100				
Bank Charges	5	7	10				
Provision for Gratuity	90	91	100				
Transferred to Edu. Endow. Fund	-	600	-				
Transferred to Adyar Sec. Endow. Fund		600					
Provision for leave encashment		100					
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	1,947					
	<b>10,442</b>	<b>13,333</b>	<b>12,451</b>		<b>10,442</b>	<b>13,333</b>	<b>12,451</b>

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8. Dr C. V. Agarwal
9. Mr S. S. Ramesh
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Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2006

National Societies and Sections Regional Associations (formed under Rule 35 (c)) Presidential Agencies Total Lodges Total Centres Total Membership 2005 Total Membership 2006	26	Section/Area	Number of		
			Lodges	Centres	Members
1. Africa, East and Central	9	4	267		
2. Africa, South	4	3	259		
3. Africa, West	13	8	251		
4. America, Central	3	1	36		
5. Argentina	16	11	301		
6. Asia, South-East	8	1	186		
7. Australia	11		1,298		
8. Austria	3		63		
9. Belgium	8		94		
10. Bolivia (and Paraguay)	9	1	99		
11. Brazil	37	14	807		
12. Canada	4	5	199		
13. Chile	3		33		
14. Colombia	6	2	50		
15. Costa Rica	3	1	61		
16. Cuba	12	2	575		
17. Dominican Rep.	2	2	50		
18. England	33	6	914		
19. Finland	24	3	458		
20. France	22	3	392		
21. Germany	6	1	120		
22. Greece	6		80		
23. Hungary	1	1	35		
24. Iceland	8		368		
25. India	445		12,871		
26. Indonesia	14	2	200		
27. Ireland	2	2	44		
28. Italy	42	9	1,141		
29. Ivory Coast	3		30		
30. Mexico	14		164		
31. Netherlands	11	7	437		
32. New Zealand	13	6	993		
33. Norway	3		14		
34. Pakistan	1		89		
35. Peru	2		28		
36. Philippines	18	6	293		
37. Portugal	11	1	221		
38. Puerto Rico	3	1	45		
39. Scotland	4		113		
40. Slovenia	4		69		
41. Spain	12	3	296		
42. Sri Lanka	9	1	164		
43. Sweden	6		160		
44. Switzerland	2	2	40		
45. Togo	2		37		
46. USA	48	58	4,071		
47. Uruguay	5		64		
48. Venezuela	2		45		
49. Wales	4		81		
			931	166	28,706
<b>Lodges attached to Adyar</b>					
1. Sol Lodge, Guayaquil, Ecuador	1		5		
2. Covenant Lodge (Israel)	1		69		
3. Japan	2		66		
4. Singapore	1		338		
5. Fellows-at-Large			103		
	5		581		

## THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Five new books, thirteen newly typeset versions of existing books and twenty-five reprints, many with attractive new covers, were published during the year under report. The cooperation of the Editorial Office and of Vasanta Press is much appreciated.

Book distribution improved (worldwide except in the United States) by an average of 15%, with a doubling of gross profit. Journal subscriptions remained almost static but royalty/copyright income rose by 63%.

The Publishing House participated in eight book fairs in India. Ten public libraries, ten theosophical libraries and

three libraries of educational institutions received gifts of books. The response from educational institutions and public libraries was somewhat disappointing.

Future plans include a modern new bookshop – to be known as ‘The Besant Bookshop’ – in the Olcott Memorial School compound, an e-commerce gateway for online purchases and payments, the augmenting of editorial resources and the release of advertisements in the print media.

Mr S. Ramu

General Manager

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The Library is short of Research Assistants, so that publications, including *The Adyar Library Bulletin*, have been held up. But some reprints have appeared.

Works completed:

- *The Adyar Library Bulletin* 67/2003
- *Samnyasa Upanisad-s* English translation by Prof. A. A. Ramanathan (ALS.104) (Reprint)
- *Vaisnava Upanisad* Text (Reprint)
- *Sakta Upanisad-s* – Text (ALS.10) (Reprint)
- *The Dialogues of Plato and the Upanishad-s* by Dr N. Kazana (APL.57)
- *Badarayana and Vyasa* by Dr S. Sankaranarayanan (ALP.58)
- *Anyapadesapancasat of Painganadu*

*Ganapati Sastri* by T. M. Ramanai (ALP.59)

Works nearing completion:

- *Descriptive Catalogue of MSS on Astronomy and Mathematics* by Dr K. V. Sharma
- Introduction to *Chandogyopanisad* by Dr S. Sankaranarayanan
- *Gangesa's Philosophy of God* by Dr S. J. John Vattanky

Works under preparation:

- *Adyar Library Bulletin* 68/69, a combined volume to commemorate the Death Centenary of Col. H. S. Olcott, the founder of the Adyar Library

Works to be taken up:

- *Bhavadgita Pada Index*

- *The Yoga Upanisad-s*, Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar, edited by G. Srinivasa Murthi (ALS.20)

During the year under report 462 books were purchased and 1,250 accessed and 1,382 books were catalogued and added to the Library collections. The President's Office donated seventy-two books, TPH Adyar sixty-two, the Secretary's Office three, TPH Wheaton twelve and other donors 629.

24,042 frames of photocopies were taken, including 8,152 frames for the Adyar Library, 15,890 frames to order, 1,102 frames of transcripts, 14,282 frames of books, 410 frames of palm-leaf MSS,

and fifty-seven for the Adyar Library office.

757 books were bound, 184 books repaired, and sixty-three xeroxed.

Three thousand cards were catalogued and entered and 4,000 cards checked.

The Library had 1,532 visitors from India and overseas, and was used by 2,420 readers and 1,127 borrowers, 15,556 books being consulted and 1,745 borrowed. 114 manuscripts were consulted. Thirteen research scholars from various universities used the Library.

Mrs Parvati Gopalaratnam  
Librarian

## THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

Dr John Algeo was the Director of the School of the Wisdom from 3 to 13 January, his subject being 'Theosophy'. He based his course on *The Voice of the Silence*, reference being made to Vol. II of *Talks on the Path of Occultism* and *From Inner to Outer Transformation* (Joy Mills). He was able to convey to the students the deeper meanings of the text and thus enable them to rediscover the message of the book. Students from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Germany, India, Italy, Singapore and Viet-Nam attended the course.

From 6 November to 15 December three different Directors gave two-week presentations on 'Spirituality in different Literatures'. Professor R. C. Tampi spoke on 'Spirituality in English Literature' and

referred to some of the writings of Wordsworth, Blake, Tennyson, Browning, Yeats, Emerson, Thoreau, Tagore and Aurobindo, indicating important references in their works to the meaning and purpose of life. Mrs Dolores Gago's subject was 'Spirituality in Spanish and Portuguese Literature'. She referred to eleven Nobel Prize winners and some other writers who had dealt with the mysteries of life. The course concluded with a brief summary of *Don Quixote*. For many of the students, this material was new and gave them fresh insight into how the Ancient Wisdom has been expressed in the works cited. The third speaker was Dr Satish Inamdar, a student of Krishnamurti's teachings. Dr Inamdar cited three writers: Jnaneshwar, author of

*Amritanubhava*, which combines in easily understood language devotion and knowledge; Ramdas, who, in dealing with simple everyday matters, could inspire others to realize the sacredness of life, and Tukaram, a family man who was able to convey a spiritual message in an easily understandable and appealing manner. The whole course gave the students (hailing from Australia, Brazil, Canada,

England, Germany, India, Israel, Mexico, Portugal, Slovenia, Switzerland and Vietnam) an opportunity to realize how Theosophical concepts can be conveyed in literature in a manner appealing directly to the heart.

Mrs Dolores Gago  
*Secretary of the School of the Wisdom*

## ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

Most of the documents have been classified and are being catalogued, a long-term task. All the catalogues have been digitalized and searching software is being developed. Photographs have been scanned in digital format and can be used in magazines and books. Dr Pablo Sender's contribution has been invaluable. Much remains to be done.

The subject of the special exhibition for delegates at the 2005 Convention was

*The Seven International Presidents of the Theosophical Society* and that held during the 2006 Convention concerned the achievements of Colonel Olcott.

A room next to the Museum has been renovated and will house some new items.

Dr C. V. Agarwal  
*Officer-in-Charge*

## OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

*Olcott Memorial High School:* In June 2006 the school reopened with 632 pupils (369 boys and 263 girls), including fifty-seven new admissions. Most of the children live in the nearby seashore slum. They all receive free uniforms, textbooks and stationery and are given a nutritious vegetarian breakfast and lunch on school days.

Sixty-nine pupils sat the final examination, forty of them passing at the first attempt.

The children took part in inter-school competitions in drama, sport, drawing etc. and engaged in co-curricular activities (gardening, scouting, crafts etc.) and educational excursions. The usual health check-up was conducted, minor ailments



being treated and more serious cases referred to a specialist.

*HPB Hostel:* Seventeen old pupils returned to the Hostel in June and were joined by eight new boys, making a total of twenty-five. They begin the day with prayers and the discussion of various problems, followed by breakfast. After school, they have a snack and play games. At 6 p.m. they join in Vedic prayers and chants and listen to moral stories. Twice a week, *At the Feet of the Master* is read to them in Tamil, with explanations. Supper is served at 8 p.m. and is followed by an hour of study before bedtime.

*Social Welfare Centre: The Nursery School* reopened on 1 June 2006 with 103 children (including sixty-one attending for the first time), between two and three years of age. Parents leave their children there from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., during which time they receive a vegetarian breakfast and lunch and learn the English, Tamil and Hindi alphabets as well as numbers in an activity-oriented manner. They are taught the names of different fruits, vegetables, animals, birds etc. Dr R. Revathy conducts

a clinic, also for the mothers, and looks after their health.

*Vocational Training Section:* Twenty-three young women successfully followed a tailoring course lasting one year and twenty-one joined the course recently. They learn to weave bedsheets, towels and cloth for making bags. Greeting cards, decorative pieces, salwars, dresses and petticoats made by them were on sale to students of the School of the Wisdom and Convention delegates.

*Animal Welfare Centre:* Dr P. D. Jagannathan, Dr (Mrs) P. Vidya and their team care for the animals, vaccinating them and performing minor operations. ABC (Animal Birth Control) operations are performed weekly on cats and dogs. In-patients are fed thrice daily or when necessary, following the doctor's orders. The 'outreach programme', serving nearby villages, has been suspended, but will be continued in the near future.

Miss Sumana Kale

*Secretary, Olcott Education Society*

## THE BESANT SCOUT CAMPING CENTRE

Thirty-five institutions and Scout groups utilized the services of the Centre, and around 3200 children benefited from camping activities. 'Living with Nature'

was the central theme of all the camping programmes.

Mr A. Victor Frank

*For the Besant Scouting Centre*

## THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

(No Report)

# NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

## AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

### REPORTS OF WORK IN NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR FEDERATIONS

(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed)



# NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

## AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

Both Nairobi and Dar es Salaam Lodges held two meetings weekly, one in English and one in Gurajati. In the former Lodge, there were monthly talks, followed at the next meetings by group discussion. The subjects included 'Action and Reaction', 'Life after Death' and 'The Nature of Man', as well as HPB's life, the Letters of the Masters and *The Voice of*

*the Silence*. In both Lodges the Bharat Samaj Puja was performed. Dar es Salaam Lodge held healing prayers once a month and provided blankets and food for the needy.

Mr C. P. Robertson Dunn  
*General Secretary*

## AFRICA, SOUTH

The main focus at present is on building up Lodge membership and making members more familiar with the teachings and history of the Theosophical Society. 'Introduction to Theosophy' discussion groups are meeting at two of the Lodges and study courses and study groups have been organized on, for example, *The Voice of the Silence*, *Light on the Path* and *The Yoga Sutras*, as well as lectures, discussion groups and seminars on basic Theosophical themes.

The distant location of some Lodges unfortunately prevents them from profiting from more frequent visits from the General Secretary and others.

Unattached members, moreover, tend to lose interest and numbers are falling also in the Study Centres.

It is hoped that next year, when the Education Officer retires and can spend more time with some of the Lodges, this situation can be rectified.

A very successful Convention with the theme 'The Light of Theosophy' attracted sixty participants.

Membership records are being upgraded.

Mrs Susan Kaschula  
*General Secretary*

## AFRICA, WEST

The three regular features of the work in the West African Section, which covers Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon and Liberia, are its School of the Wisdom, its Annual Convention and a weekend seminar. The theme of the School this year was 'The Human Ego, Birth and Evolution', with Mr Isaac K. Zaney as director. Helpful handouts were distributed. 'The Theosophical Society, its Work and Theosophy' was the keynote of the Convention, and the subject studied at the weekend seminar was 'Understanding Theosophy and the Purpose of Life on Earth'. Good local publicity resulted in the participation of several non-members, one of whom joined the Society.

Books studied in the Lodges included

*The Key to Theosophy, The Science of Yoga, The Ancient Wisdom, At the Feet of the Master and The Voice of the Silence.*

The General Secretary visited Lagos, Nigeria, and held a three-day Lodge meeting, at which the Three Objects of the Society, the basic study of Theosophy and the importance of regular Lodge meetings were discussed.

Work on the Headquarters building in Accra, Ghana, has progressed. There are plans for the celebration of the Section's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010.

Book sales increased threefold during the year.

Mr Paul B. Kwakyi  
*General Secretary*

## ARGENTINA

In all fourteen TS regions in the country Lodge meetings and public activities continued regularly, with the study of, for example, *The Secret Doctrine, At the Feet of the Master, The Voice of the Silence* and books by Dr Taimni, A. Powell, Annie Besant, Radha Burnier and others. The subjects of public lectures included 'Meditation', 'Self-Knowledge', 'The Practice of the Spiritual Life', 'Karma in Daily Life' and 'Life and Death: Two Aspects of the same Reality'.

A new project for Lodge work involves the formation of groups for meditation.

The themes of national and local gatherings included 'Are we awake to the Truths of Theosophy?', 'The Occult Tradition in Millennial Egypt' and 'Yoga Philosophy'.

Regular summer and winter schools were held at the Centre in San Rafael. The subjects studied were 'Theosophical Investigation in the Esoteric Tradition, Science and Art' and, with audiovisual presentation, 'In the Steps of the Founders', being a study of two Mahatma Letters, and *The Voice of the Silence*.

Dr Nelda Samarel, Director of the



Krotona Theosophical Institute in the USA, and the International Secretary accompanied by the President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, visited Argentina and gave talks. The General Secretary visited the TS in Chile and some members attended the 2005 Annual Convention and took part in a programme with the International President at Krotona.

Young members are much involved in the work of the Section.

*No Other Path to Go* by Radha Burnier has been translated and published. The magazine appears regularly.

Mrs Silvia Liliana Pastore  
General Secretary

## AUSTRALIA

The theme of the well attended National Convention, held in Melbourne in January, was 'Universal Responsibility, Non-Violence and Peace'.

Activities at the Springbrook Educational and Retreat Centre in Queensland included a programme on 'The Buddhist Tradition in the Light of Theosophy' with the Chairman of the European Federation, Miss Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu, and Mr Brian Parry, the annual School of Theosophy with Ed Abdill on 'The Mahatma Letters and their relevance today'. Miss Kim-Dieu and Mr Abdill also toured the section.

At Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney, study courses covered such subjects as 'Introductory Theosophy', 'Intermediate Theosophy', meditation, healing, yoga and Tai Chi. A Good Friday Seminar was conducted on 'The Hidden Gospel', and 'Sacred Sites of Pilgrimage or Wasteland' was the subject of a TS/TOS seminar.

Subjects of study in various other

Lodges included 'Theosophy/Science', 'Kaballah', 'Perennial Philosophy', 'The Divine Plan', 'Vedanta and Space', 'Inner Wisdom and the Christian Mystical Tradition', 'The Biological Necessity of Cooperation', 'The Internet and Spirituality', 'Yoga and its Relationship to Theosophy', 'Life beyond Death', Stanzas of *The Secret Doctrine* etc.

All members received the *Bhagavadgita* in the translation by Dr Besant and Bhagavan Das. Various study papers were made available and some important books offered at reduced prices.

The Ven. Professor Samdhong Rinpoche, Prime Minister of the Tibetan Government in Exile and a life member of the TS in India, visited the national headquarters on Adyar Day.

Membership of the Section has increased by twenty-nine.

Mrs Linda Oliveira  
National President

## BELGIUM

The Section is selling its present building in Brussels, which could not be renovated, and purchasing another more attractive and more convenient house. It will be possible to move there in about a year, after some renovations have been made.

The three Lodges in Brussels studied *The Ancient Wisdom, Science of Yoga* and the thought of Krishnamurti (with videos). Weekly public talks, an introductory course on Theosophy (twice a month) and a course on astrology were organized, as well as, in Dutch, an introduction to Theosophy and a study of *The Secret Doctrine*. The Chairman of the European Federation gave three weekend sessions on the *Mahabharata*.

A second Lodge has been founded in Antwerp. Numbers in the previous Lodge have increased thanks to visiting lecturers from the Netherlands, who, in addition to lecturing, organized study groups there.

The Lodges in three other cities studied *The Key to Theosophy, The Secret Doctrine, The Yoga Sutras* and Krishnamurti's teachings and held public lectures twice a month.

In four cities, the monthly programme is sent to members and sympathizers along with theosophical texts translated from *The Theosophist*, Krishnamurti's talks and Olcott's *Buddhist Catechism*.

Dr Henriette van der Hecht  
General Secretary

## BRAZIL

The 25<sup>th</sup> Summer School was held in Rio de Janeiro, with the theme 'Education, Citizenship and Theosophy'.

Various seminars and encounters at the Theosophical Institute in Brasilia were devoted, among other subjects, to 'The Science of Astrology and the School of the Mysteries', 'Practical Occultism', 'Mythology and Spirituality', 'The Tradition of Yoga' and *The Mahatma Letters*. At the Raja Centre, Sao Paulo, subjects treated included 'The Three Great Truths', 'Human Values' and 'The Dharma of Brazil'.

Weekly public lectures at the Section Headquarters dealt with subjects such as 'The Life and Message of Annie Besant', 'The Zen Archer', 'Astrology, Karma and Free Will', 'Buddhism and Psychology', 'The Challenge of Self-Knowledge', 'King Arthur and the Round Table', 'Living in Harmony', 'We are the World' and 'Theory and Practice of the Spiritual Life'.

At Regional and other meetings the following books and subjects among others were studied: *The Secret Doctrine, Science of Yoga*, Krishnamurti's thought, 'The Eternal Present Moment'.

The National Library is being reorganized and is not yet available. The Video Department is producing extensive material, which is presented in fifty-seven channels in forty-eight cities. CDs and

DVDs are available for sale.

The magazine 'TheoSophia' appears every quarter.

Mr Ricardo Lindemann  
General Secretary

## COLOMBIA

The Eighth Seminar of the Caribbean Area, with the theme 'Education and Wisdom', was held near Bogota. The International Secretary, Mary Anderson, the President of the Inter-American Federation, Mrs Terezinha Kind, and Mr Isaac Jauli participated. Seventy members attended from ten different countries.

Subjects and books studied in the Colombian Lodges included *At the Feet of the Master*, *Thought Power*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *Self-Culture*, *Human Regeneration*, Karma, the Seven Rays and the Maya Calendar.

Public lectures in Bogota dealt, for example, with 'Education, Training,

Wisdom and Realization', 'The Occult Meaning of Christmas', 'The Significance of the Seal of the TS' etc. A basic course on Theosophy was attended by twenty-five to thirty members and sympathizers and further courses dealt with 'Applications of the Wisdom' and 'Raja Yoga and Meditation for Beginners'.

'Brotherhood meetings' were held with new members, dealing with the influence of Theosophy on everyday life. New members receive letters written by the late Mr Walter Ballesteros.

Mr Alberto Ramirez  
General Secretary

## CUBA

The theme of the Annual Convention was 'The Voice of the Silence, a Way to Liberation'. The prayers of the religions were recited on this occasion.

The subjects of Lodge study included 'The Astral and Mental Planes', 'The Esoteric Meaning of Myths' and books

such as *Man, God and the Universe*, *Light on the Path* and *Isis Unveiled*. The subjects of two study groups were *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Divine Plan*.

The basic course on Theosophy (in two parts, each lasting five months) was attended this year by about twenty-five

persons. Those wishing to become members have first to attend this course and then to visit the different Lodges in order to decide which they wish to join.

Public lectures on topical subjects from

the Theosophical point of view are held twice a month.

The library functions regularly.

Miss Lelia Fernandez Pagola

*General Secretary*

## ENGLAND

A broad and varied programme was arranged at the Section Headquarters in London. Audiences at Sunday lectures averaged thirty-two, but popular subjects or renowned speakers, such as Dr Rupert Sheldrake, drew audiences of over fifty or sixty. Sunday seminars attracted an average of sixteen participants. The subjects of weekly courses were 'Theosophy: The Way to Self-Discovery' and *The Secret Doctrine*. Meditation classes are also held and there were sessions on 'Gnostic Christianity' and 'Sacred Geometry'.

Conferences were held at Tekels Park and elsewhere, some of the themes being 'The Foundations of Theosophy: Exploring the *Proem*', 'Illusion, Reality and Truth: Living the Spiritual Life in the Modern World' and 'Theosophy and the Powers Latent in Man'.

The key-note of the Summer School, attended by about one hundred participants, was 'Living Wisdom', the guest speaker being the National President of the TS in America, Mrs Betty Bland, who gave the Blavatsky Lecture on 'The Virtuous Key', held a course on 'Simply Theosophy' and a public lecture at Northampton Lodge.

More than 750 enquiries were received by the Information Department during the year and membership in the Section increased by 101. This is certainly in part due to the increased interest in the Section's website and to the course on 'The Wisdom and the Way' devised by Eric McGough, used extensively by Lodges.

Mr Colin Price

*General Secretary*

## FINLAND

Professor Krishna was the guest speaker at the summer school in Kreivilä, the keynote of which was 'Perceiving Truth'. Other summer activities included a short summer school in Northern Finland on 'The Jewel in the Lotus', with

an attendance of about fifty. The summer school organized by HPB Lodge in Estonia on the subject 'The Legacy of the Masters of the Wisdom' attracted seventy-five participants. Seventy attended the weekend with seven sister organizations,



which now also meet once a month in a 'Cooperation Group'.

The Annual Convention was held at Raahe in Northern Finland, with fifty participants.

Twenty-two Lodges and three study groups are active in Finland. One of the Lodges was unable to continue meetings, due to the age of the members, but an information meeting and regular public lectures are being organized by members from neighbouring towns. Public lectures took place weekly or fortnightly and, in some places, less often.

Lodge work was mainly based on theosophical literature, such as *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *The Path of Discipleship*, *The Masters and the Path*

and *The Science of Yoga*. Discussion followed short lectures by members.

The magazine appeared every two months. Members received two letters, to which articles for individual study were attached. Translations of Shirley Nicholson's *Ancient Wisdom – Modern Insight* and *Thought Forms* were published, as well as a book by a late Finnish theosophist: *The Religion of our Kalevalan Forefathers*. There are well stocked theosophical libraries in eleven towns in Finland.

The Section is preparing to celebrate its Centenary, when a European Congress will be held from 14 to 18 July 2007.

Mr Kalevi Dunder  
General Secretary

## FRANCE

'Know thyself', the keynote of the Annual Convention, was presented by three members in a symposium, followed by a discussion among those present. It was further explored in a public lecture on 'Brotherhood and Self-Knowledge' by the former General Secretary, Danielle Audoin.

Study in the Lodges, which met monthly, was based on, for example, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *No Other Path to Go* (Radha Burnier), *The Solar System* (Powell) and works by Annie Besant, Leadbeater, Sri Ram and Krishnamurti.

Public lectures were held fortnightly in

Paris and Marseille and every other month in Reims. In Paris three seminars, on the *Mahabharata*, the *Bhagavadgita* and 'Universe, from the Divine to Unity', as usual attracted also some members from the provinces.

About twelve French members attended the Pays Latins Summer School in Naarden.

French translations of Dr Taimni's *Science and Occultism* and Van der Leeuw's *Gods in Exile* were printed and reprinted respectively.

Mrs Nano Leguay  
General Secretary



## GERMANY

The General Secretary visited several of the lodges to give talks and meet members. Lodge work went on actively, although in some cases attendance varied, due to distance. Study material included *The Mahatma Letters*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy* and Annie Besant's *Thought Power*, as well as books on Buddhism and Vedanta.

About twenty members attended the spring and autumn gatherings in the north

of the country. The summer school at Lippstadt attracted only about twenty-five participants, for which reason, however, more personal contacts were possible. The theme 'The Secret of Consciousness' was the subject of talks, a symposium and workshops.

Mrs Elisabeth Schmidt  
*General Secretary*

## GREECE

(No Report)

## ICELAND

At the Headquarters in Reykjavik public talks were held weekly between 1 October and 8 May, with an attendance of from forty to sixty persons. Subjects included 'The Life and work of HPB', 'Sri Aurobindo', 'Buddhism and Psychology' and 'The Mithra Religion'. At 'open house' meetings videos were presented (for example, Krishnamurti videos) or a talk was given, for example on creativity, Indian philosophy, Adyar, Nicholas Roerich, etc. In addition, there were meditation courses and meditation meetings, and an introductory meeting on the Society. The Lodges in Reykjavik also met weekly or monthly in the Headquarters, their subject of study being, for example, Vedanta and various other themes.

The Summer School (with some guest speakers from India) was also held at the Headquarters instead of in the country. The country location is however more peaceful and next year the School will again be held outside the capital.

The Chairman of the European Federation gave a well-attended seminar on 'To discover your own Dharma'.

The undersigned gave three talks in Oslo.

*The Voice of the Silence* was republished in Icelandic. The book service is available (also to the public) during regular meetings and, in addition, once a week. The magazine *Gangleri* has over 700 subscribers, apart from TS members.

Mr Halldor Haraldsson  
*General Secretary*

## INDIA

The National Convention, held at Adyar during the 2005 International Convention, included a symposium on 'Truth, its Nature and Dimensions'.

Study camps in Varanasi were led by Professor P. Krishna and Dr N. C. Ramanujachary, studies being based on Ravi Ravindra's *Science and the Sacred* and T. Subba Row's writings respectively. The subject of the 83<sup>rd</sup> South Indian Conference was Clara Codd's book *The Way of the Disciple*, the International President giving introductory talks, followed by discussion.

The International President, the National Lecturers and others lectured and conducted study camps and workshops in many places. Mr and Mrs Pedro and Linda Oliveira from Australia held a lecture and a training session in Mumbai.

Following the bomb blast in Varanasi

on 7 March, there was a large gathering at the Indian Section headquarters in the city to discuss universal brotherhood and peace. Participants included top religious leaders and scholars. In view of the deterioration in values in the country, an essay competition was organized for school children based on the book *Annie Besant and Right Citizenship*.

Membership has dropped somewhat, due above all to lapses, and appropriate measures are being considered. Lodges are encouraged to take steps to attract young people.

Funds are required for various purposes and appeals for donations have been made. More workers are also needed.

Mr S. Sundaram  
General Secretary

## INDONESIA

The Annual Convention took place in April at Malang, where Wishu Lodge was recently revived. Ninety participants attended, but 150 persons, including invited guests, were present at the opening. Four speakers treated the Convention theme, 'Universal Brotherhood through understanding Theosophy'. The undersigned was re-elected General Secretary on this occasion.

A study camp was held at Batu, near

Malang, with five speakers and twenty participants from various Lodges.

A new Lodge, Sophia Lodge, was chartered in Bandung and there are two new Study Centres, in Jakarta and Surabaya.

The President of the Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation, Mr Pedro Oliveira, paid a visit to Indonesia and lectured in Bandung, Surakarta and Jakarta, as well as participating in the 43th

Foundation Day of the Section and visiting an earthquake area where the home of three members had been destroyed. An appeal has been launched,

to which the TS in Australia has contributed generously.

Prof. Dr Soepangat Soemarto  
*General Secretary*

## ITALY

The annual seminar organized with the collaboration of the European Federation attracted over sixty participants, the subject being 'Compassion according to *The Doctrine of the Heart*' and leading up to the National Convention at Pescia with the theme 'Theosophical Thought in Ancient Philosophy'. The keynote of a seminar in Jesolo Lido, with the collaboration of Professor Krishna, was 'Theosophy in the Life, Work and Thought of Jiddu Krishnamurti'. Ninety participants attended.

The General Secretary visited and lectured in about thirteen Lodges and Centres.

Seven members from Italy attended the 2005 International Convention at Adyar – a unique experience for them.

Two initiatives launched two years ago are on their way to realization: on-line Theosophical libraries and itinerant training seminars.

There has been a slight decline in membership in the Section, the largest in Europe, with 1,141 members, most of whom belong to the forty-two Lodges and nine Study Centres.

Publications in Italian included translations of books by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater, as well as a new edition of the *Bhagavadgita*, reprints of *Isis Unveiled*, *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters* and some works by Italian members.

Mr Antonio Girardi  
*General Secretary*

## MEXICO

Two cycles of lectures – thirty presentations in all – were held at the National Headquarters every Friday under the title 'Illusion and Reality', with different speakers treating various aspects of the subject.

The celebration of the centenary of Aura Lodge brought representatives of all the Lodges in the country together, thus strengthening their work.

The theme of an autumn school was 'The Ether of Keely'.

Members from Mexico took part in the Eighth Caribbean Seminar, held in Bogota.

Dr Hugo Gerardo Figueroa Salinas  
*Mosqueda  
General Secretary*

## THE NETHERLANDS

Activities at the International Theosophical Centre in Naarden during the year included the Summer School, on the subject of *The Mahatma Letters*, with the International President as Guest Speaker, a meeting of Lodge Board members, autumn and spring gatherings and other activities. There is good cooperation between the Section and the Centre.

In the Headquarters building in Amsterdam, the Office, Bookshop and Library, now on the ground floor, are open five days a week and attract many visitors. New translations of *At the Feet of the Master*, *Light on the Path* and *The Voice of the Silence* have been published in one book.

The national study groups met four

times a year at the Headquarters, studying *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters*.

Subjects of study in the different lodges included 'The World Egg', 'Our Priority', 'Theosophy as a Challenge', 'The Upanishads', 'Reincarnation', 'After Death and before Birth', books by Dr Taimni, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Inner Life*, *The Yoga Sutras*, *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Chakras*. Some of the Lodges organized public lectures and most of them also conducted a meditation programme.

There are good relations with Flemish-speaking Lodges in Belgium.

Mrs Wies Kuiper  
General Secretary

## NEW ZEALAND

Subjects studied in Lodges included the works of H. P. Blavatsky, 'An Introduction to Theosophy', 'The Relationship between the One and the many', 'Self-Transformation – the first step: becoming aware', 'Theosophical Principles and Practice', 'Karma in our Lives', 'Reincarnation' and 'Living a Theosophical Life'.

Regional groups, especially in the Central Region, are doing good work in bringing Lodges together. Shared meetings included weekends spent

exploring practical Theosophy and, in one case, a symposium on 'The Enigma of H. P. Blavatsky'. Programme facilitators are provided by the Section to support Lodges in their work. Many Lodges are now organizing regional meetings and lecture tours in their own Regions. The aim is to make Lodges more independent, yet also to support them. They are encouraged to make use of National Lecturers.

The National Convention was held at Whangarei, with Chongtul Rinpoche, a



Tibetan Bon monk, as guest speaker. The theme of the Convention was *Exploring Theosophy in Living Traditions*. These included the Sufi, Baha'i, Maori and Bon traditions, as well as Theosophy.

Ed and Mary Abdill were the speakers at the week-long School of Theosophy,

the subject being 'Foundations of the Ageless Wisdom'.

Programmes aimed at the public are also being developed, starting with a workshop on 'Growing into Awareness'.

John Vorstermans  
*General Secretary*

## THE PHILIPPINES

New courses were introduced: an introductory and an intermediate course and a course on meditation, taking place on five to seven evenings, and a two-day course on 'Theosophy, the Ageless Wisdom'.

Training courses were held for theosophical speakers. New study texts were published, as well as manuals used in courses conducted in the Section on, for example, 'Ageless Wisdom', 'The Way and the Life' and 'Topics in Theosophical Studies'.

The theme of the National Convention was 'Awakening to the Higher Self'. The

gathering began with a full-day retreat on 'The Nurture and Awakening of Intuition'. Workshops and seminars were held on the work for the coming year.

Three new study centres have been formed.

The General Secretary and others gave numerous lectures to various bodies in different cities on theosophical and related subjects.

High-school classes have started in a School organized by the Section.

Mr Vicente Haó Chin, Jr  
*General Secretary*

## PORTUGAL

Some outstanding problems have been solved and another Lodge has been founded.

Lectures were held at the Headquarters in Lisbon, as well as a seminar on 'Religions Today' with the Chairman of the European Federation.

Links have been strengthened with other European Sections, particularly with

the TS in Spain. The General Secretary took part in the 'Jornadas Teosoficas' organized by the Spanish Section.

The Headquarters building is in need of expensive repairs.

Dr Licio Correia  
*General Secretary*



## SPAIN

Two Lodges were chartered in the year under report.

The subjects of study in the Lodges included 'Service and Self-Sacrifice', 'The Goal of Life' and 'Educating oneself in order to Educate' and such books as *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Ancient Wisdom*, *Light on the Path*, *At the Feet of the Master*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *Man, God and the Universe*. Almost all the Lodges and study groups included the healing ritual and meditation in their activities.

At the summer school on the Costa Brava, with the keynote 'Seeking Self-Realization', the guest speaker was Mr Gaspar Torres from Cuba, who gave a

number of excellent lectures. 140 persons attended the School. Mr Torres also lectured in four Spanish cities. 'Awakening' was the keynote of the Iberian Days, which attracted seventy-five participants, including fourteen members from Portugal, among them Isabel Nobre Santos, who gave several talks.

The Section succeeded in obtaining an important legal certification for which it had been applying for several years, testifying that the Section had been silenced during the Spanish Civil War.

Mr Jose Tarragó  
*General Secretary*

## SWEDEN

The six Lodges organized lectures on various theosophical themes (for example 'From Intellect to Intuition', 'H.P. Blavatsky and her Life', 'Thought Power and Mental Training'). Subjects dealt with by study groups included 'Meditation and Dialogue', Advaita philosophy and the books *The Secret Doctrine* and *Self-Culture*. A new study group has started in Göteborg.

The guest speaker at the Summer School, attended by twenty-three participants, was Colin Price, the English General Secretary. The subject was 'Silence'.

A 'summer dialogue' attracted fifteen participants and twenty-five took part in a weekend study of Krishnamurti's life and teachings.

The magazine appeared regularly four times a year. Dr Taimni's *Self-Culture* is being translated. The bookshop in Stockholm is open two days a week.

The TOS continues to help children in Latvia.

Mr Pertti Spets  
*General Secretary*

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The International President was guest speaker at the Summer Gathering held at the Headquarters, Olcott, the key-note of which was 'Theosophy in Action'. Nearly 100 participants attended.

Five of the evening lectures at Olcott were webcast, including 'War and the Soul', 'Healing the Jewish-Christian Rift' and 'The Seven Rays: Keys to World Peace and Personal Wholeness'. Classes and workshops were also held at the headquarters. An Earth Camp for children attracted thirteen participants.

There are many plans for repairs and improvements to the headquarters building.

Notable achievements included the organization of two successful regional conferences (on the subjects of 'Globalization and Spirituality' and science and spirituality), resulting in a considerable increase in local membership, the improvement of internet services and an improved presentation of Theosophy.

Assistance was given to local Lodges

and Centres, including the provision of speakers. Popular subjects of study in the Lodges included *The Mahatma Letters*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Bhagavadgita*, *At the Feet of the Master*, as well as *Beauties of Islam*, *Man, God and the Universe* and *The Ancient Wisdom. The Technique of the Spiritual Life* (Clara Codd) was the basis for the studies of the National Lodge.

Response to changes in *The Quest Magazine* have been encouraging. Library opening times have been extended. Titles issued by the Theosophical Publishing House included *War and the Soul*, *Esoteric Christianity*, *Echoes from the Gnosis* (G. R. S. Meade) and many books in different languages, including Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish, Italian, Estonian, Korean and Danish. At the Bookshop, books on Theosophy and Meditation and Prayer sold particularly well.

Mrs Betty Bland  
National President

# REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

## AMERICA, CENTRAL

During the year under report Blavatsky Lodge in Nicaragua held forty-one meetings with an average attendance of eight members and enquirers. Studies were based partly on Dr Taimni's *Principles of Theosophical Work* and *Human Regeneration* by Radha Burnier.

Teotl Lodge in San Salvador, El Salvador, and Gnosis Lodge in Guatemala met regularly and theosophical work is developing there.

Mr Francisco Mayorga Obando  
*Organizing Secretary*

## AUSTRIA

The subjects of lectures, study and discussion in the three Lodges in Austria included 'What is Theosophy?', 'The First Object', 'The Seven Cosmic Principles according to Hermes Trismegistos', 'Active Cooperation in the Development of Humanity', 'The Garden of Theosophy', 'The Inner Path', 'HPB's Practical Advice for Daily Living', 'Why Esoteric

Knowledge was kept secret', etc.

Some evenings were devoted to discussion and answers to questions.

Interest is growing in Graz and it is hoped that the Lodge there may recover its earlier prosperity.

Mr Franz Durkowitsch  
*Regional Secretary*

## CANADA

There is a tendency in the TS in Canada to work in smaller Study Centres rather than to form (larger) Lodges. This is partly due to the fact that, for such a vast country, Canada has a sparse population, located in centres in the east and west, and partly because running a Lodge is felt to involve burdensome duties.

This has a positive aspect in that active members are more interested in studying Theosophy in the first place, rather than in the administration felt to be involved in running a Lodge. Another feature resulting from the sparse distribution of the population is the large number of unattached members.

It is reported that group study has been based, in one case, on Dr Taimni's *Science of Yoga*.

Getting Theosophy known is felt to be a first priority and this is being achieved also with the help of the internet, the TS

site receiving two thousand visitors daily. Many reference links in other websites point to the TS.

Mr Pierre Laflamme  
*Organizing Secretary*

## CHILE

Subjects of study in the Lodges included *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Masters and the Path*, *The Bhagavadgita*, *The Science of Yoga*, *No Other Path to go* (Radha Burnier), 'Good and Evil', 'The Law of Correspondences', 'Time' and various articles on Theosophy.

Workshops and lectures were held for the public on 'Learning to Die', 'What is Education?', 'The Constitution of the Human Being' and 'Thought Power' among many other subjects. Weekly

meetings were organized at which information was given on the Theosophical Society.

Visitors from abroad included the International Secretary and the President of the Inter-American Federation and members from Argentina, including two visits by the General Secretary (who held a workshop on Yoga), and New Zealand.

Miss Ana Gloria Bustos  
*Organizing Secretary*

## IRELAND

This has been a good year of cooperation and harmony, the highlight being the visit of the International President, who gave inspiring talks. The first All-Ireland Convention was held in Dublin, Derry McGrath being the guest speaker.

There were regular weekly Lodge meetings in Belfast, with talks by members on, for example, 'Theosophy made Practical', 'The Four Noble Truths', 'Being and Non-Being'. *The Theosophist*

provided material for the regular study sessions. In Limerick talks were held on 'Reincarnation', 'Life after Death' and other themes. *The Secret Doctrine* and *On the Watch-Tower*, for instance, were studied.

The members of the Cork Study Centre have moved abroad, but it is hoped that the group may be rejuvenated. The Study Centres in Coleraine and Dublin are meeting regularly and expanding, studies being based on *The Key to Theosophy* and

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*Theosophy as the Masters see it* and on *The Voice of the Silence*.

Members received on a two-monthly basis study notes with a letter from the Organizing Secretary. Books are being

purchased for the Lodge libraries. It is planned to start an Irish Theosophical Newsletter and to form a website.

Mrs Marie Harkness  
*Organizing Secretary*

## IVORY COAST

Weekly meetings continued, in spite of many difficulties. *The Key to Theosophy* and an introduction to *The Secret Doctrine* provided material for study, and discussions centred on peace,

harmony, brotherhood and karma.

Numerous sympathizers are interested in Theosophy.

Mr Pierre-Magloire Kouahoh  
*Organizing Secretary*

## NORWAY

In collaboration with the Krishnamurti Society, Professor Krishna and Halldor Haraldson, General Secretary of Iceland, held two seminars in Oslo before attentive audiences.

Radha Burnier's *Human Regeneration* was retranslated and provided material for weekly Lodge study at the home of the

Organizing Secretary, where a library is also available. It is planned to hold lectures on Theosophy at different locations in Norway.

Mrs Agnes Gaasemyr  
*Organising Secretary*

## SCOTLAND

There is harmonious cooperation among Lodges and members and friendly relations have been established with Theosophists in Ireland.

The financial situation is good. Lodge

buildings are in good repair and the public seems to be attracted by the friendly welcome they receive there.

Mr Martin Lowe  
*Organizing Secretary*



## SLOVENIA

All the Lodges held weekly members' meetings and weekly or fortnightly meetings for candidates for membership. Study was based on books and articles by H. P. Blavatsky, Radha Burnier, Dr Taimni and Krishnamurti. Joint study meetings were held for members of all lodges.

The International Secretary was guest speaker at the summer school and held public lectures in four towns. There was an attendance of about forty at both summer and winter schools. Nelda Samarel lectured at the Annual Convention, attended by about thirty-five members.

Six members attended the School of the Wisdom and the Convention in Adyar.

Two members took part in the Naarden School of the Wisdom and three attended the Dutch Summer School at Naarden, where the President spoke on *The Mahatma Letters*.

The magazine *Teozofska Misel* (Theosophical Thought) appears quarterly.

The TOS has taken up activities, for example, helping the homeless.

Dr Dusan Zagar  
*Organizing Secretary*

## TOGO

(No Report)

## URUGUAY

*The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *Self-Culture*, the lives of the Founders, the Kabbala, alchemy and the sevenfold constitution of man figured among the subjects of study in the Lodges.

Workshops and talks were held on the new physics, self-knowledge, etc. A speakers' course was organized. Videos on quantum physics were viewed.

Visitors from abroad included the International Secretary, the President of the Inter-American Federation and Silvia Blajer from Argentina.

Many contacts were established through internet. The number of visitors to the library increased.

Mrs Ema de Souza Leal  
*Organizing Secretary*

## WALES

Membership has almost doubled in the last two years and in August 2006 three new lodges were chartered.

Two of the Lodges met fortnightly and one monthly. The subjects of talks included 'Spiritual Gardening', 'Raja Yoga', 'Druidism', 'The Pyramids of Egypt' and 'The Celtic Tradition'. Monthly courses were held on 'The Wisdom and the Way', based on *The*

*Secret Doctrine*, and 'All about Angels', which included references to hierarchies, chains and rounds.

There is a new Welsh website with interesting theosophical archive material, including a history of Theosophy in Wales.

Ms Julie Cunningham  
*Organizing Secretary*

# PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

## ASIA, SOUTH-EAST

In Dhaka, Bangladesh, Olcott Lodge and the new Siddhartha Study Centre are organizing serious study. Articles and news items published in English and Bengali newspapers are bringing the Society to the notice of the public. Comilla Lodge, the largest in Bangladesh, with forty-two members, holds weekly study classes; the library is open daily.

The three Lodges in Chittagong District are holding regular meetings.

The visit of the President of the Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation, Mr Pedro Oliveira, to several places in Malaysia was enthusiastically received. In Selangor Lodge, *The Key to Theosophy* is being studied. Two further Lodges may have to be closed, but it is hoped to prevent this.

Dr C. V. Agarwal  
*Presidential Representative*

## BOLIVIA

Meetings for members and for the public were organized with visitors from abroad: Juan Cassibba and Juan and Paulina Palmeri from Argentina, Mary Anderson and Terezinha Franca Kind. Their subjects included, for example, 'The Process of Living and Dying', *Light on the Path*, 'In the World but not of the World' and *The Mahatma Letters*.

At a national meeting, 'Life after Death' was the subject of study. There were daily meetings at the headquarters for young people interested in becoming members, where, for example, *The Voice of the Silence* and *Light on the Path* were studied.

The subjects of Lodge studies included *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *Self-Culture* and Sinnett's *The Occult World*, and there were talks on 'The Four Noble Truths', 'Ecology and Theosophy', 'Myths and Legends' and other subjects.

Regular meetings were held at the Headquarters for young people interested in joining the Society.

Members in Paraguay will in future be attached to the Argentine Section.

Mrs Teresa W. de Nuñez  
*Presidential Representative*

## COSTA RICA

Membership has increased. Before being admitted, those wishing to join the Society have to follow an introductory course, based on such texts as *Self-Culture*, *Man Visible and Invisible* and *Human Regeneration*. Courses were also held on *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters*.

Study in Lodges included 'Themes from *The Secret Doctrine*: Symbolism', 'Plato', 'Preparation for Death', various Buddhist Sutras, 'Native American, Celtic

and Druid gods and cults', 'The Seven Human Temperaments', *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Voice of the Silence*.

A suitable site for a Theosophical Centre to serve the Central American and Caribbean area has been found and is being purchased.

Ms Maria de los Angeles Orlich Soto  
*Presidential Representative*

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The subjects of study in Lodges included *Self-Culture*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Path of Discipleship* and material by Walter Ballesteros.

The Presidential Representative paid several visits to the Lodges and Study Centres, gave talks and provided them with material, including a beginners' course. Mr Isaac Jauli was the guest speaker at the summer school and held a

public lecture at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, attracting an audience of 200. Forty persons attended an eight-hour workshop on members' commitment and the development of Theosophical work.

Mrs Magaly Polanco  
*Presidential Representative*

## HUNGARY

A new Lodge is working in the country, while a study group meets in Budapest, where monthly lectures were held on basic Theosophical subjects, attracting audiences of about twenty-five to fifty. 'Open meetings' were organized shortly after the lectures to respond to enquirers' questions.

The Lodge outside Budapest held ten public lectures on, for example, 'Einstein's Theories and the Ancient Wisdom', 'The Hidden Meaning of Christmas', karma, reincarnation, etc., and organized weekly meetings for members and enquirers from 2.30 to 8 p.m., dealing with topics such as 'Inner and Outer Change', 'Social

Questions Today' and 'The Roots of Christianity'. A weekend gathering was held on a river bank, with a vegan campfire meal and interesting lectures on theosophical themes, such as 'Good and Evil – inside and outside', 'The Spirit of Buddhism in the West' etc.

*The Etheric Double* and a new edition of *The Chakras* were published in Hungarian. A Hungarian periodical is being revived.

Mr Thomas Martinovich  
*Presidential Representative*

## PAKISTAN

Regular weekly study classes were conducted throughout the year, except during the holy month of Ramzan. *Theosophy Simplified* by Irving Cooper and Clara Codd's *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* provided study material. Successful public lectures were held (on the Holy Quran and on 'Emotional Intelligence at Work'). Monthly Yoga classes as well as meditation classes were held.

Mr Pedro and Mrs Linda Oliveira visited Pakistan and spoke on 'Understanding the Significance of Kismet and

Duty', 'The Perennial Wisdom Tradition and its Application in Daily Life', 'The Future of the TS' and other subjects.

*At the Feet of the Master* has been translated into Urdu. The bi-monthly journal, *The Karachi Theosophist*, appeared regularly. The Library and Reading Room are open daily.

Mr Dara F. Mirza  
*Presidential Representative*

## PERU

Nineteen public talks in all were held during the period under report, organized by both Lodges in cooperation. The subjects included 'Reincarnation, Myth or Reality?' and 'The Esoteric Side of Music'. Study in the Lodges was based on *The Key to Theosophy* and some of *The Mahatma Letters*. A public course on Theosophy was organized, attracting an attendance of nineteen.

Juan Cassibba and Paulina and Juan Carlos Palmeri from Argentina and the International Secretary, accompanied by the President of the Inter-American Federation, visited and gave lectures in Lima.

A short bulletin is sent out by internet.

Mr Julio Gerardo Pomar  
*Presidential Representative*



## PUERTO RICO

It was a difficult year, with a substantial drop in membership. Another setback was a fire in the TS premises, which could not be used for some months, during which time meetings were held in a member's house. However, lodge membership increased and more visitors were welcomed.

Sunday lectures continued, with increased attendance. A radio programme provided good publicity. A basic course on Theosophy in ten lessons attracted a

full house. A more advanced course is being planned. Lectures were held on the following subjects, among many others: 'The Way of Discipleship', 'Evolutionary Cycles', 'Annie Besant', 'The Path of Jesus Christ in the Light of Theosophy'.

Isaac Jauli held two workshops and a lecture which were well attended. He also gave a radio interview.

Mr Benito Rodriguez  
*Presidential Representative*

## SRI LANKA

Well publicized lectures were organized monthly on a variety of subjects. Mr Pedro Oliveira, President of the Indo-Pacific Federation, visited Sri Lanka and gave inspiring talks. A quarterly letter was distributed among members and sympathizers. Group discussions on Theosophy were broadcast through a local radio network.

One thousand copies of the Sinhala translation of *At the Feet of the Master* were printed. A translation of *Colonel Olcott and the Revival of Buddhism* is under preparation. Over fifty books were donated from overseas. The titles of 175 TPH publications figured in an international book fair. Theosophical books are now on sale at the TS Headquarters.

Preparations were undertaken for the

celebration of the centenary of the passing of Colonel Olcott, who did so much for Theosophy and for Buddhism in Sri Lanka. An awareness campaign was organized in some schools. Handouts were also distributed among school children and the public on Colonel Olcott's achievements. Public events on this occasion will include the issue of a commemorative stamp, a speech and essay competition on Colonel Olcott and all-night chanting of sutras.

Mr S. M. Jayatilake  
*Presidential Representative*

## SWITZERLAND

Activities are concentrated above all in Geneva, where the headquarters have been renovated, including the display window. The Presidential Representative and her two chief coworkers are concentrating on spreading theosophical teachings, organizing a course on basic Theosophy (the human constitution, karma, death), also open to the public, and attracting very interested participants.

The Chairman of the European Federation and the International Secretary held seminars in Geneva.

The two Geneva Lodges have been studying 'The Discovery of the Human Adventure through Self-knowledge' and a book on *Bhakti Yoga* (Dr Taimni). The subjects taken up by the two study groups in Geneva are 'The Practical Path of Spirituality' and 'Seeking one's own Wisdom'.

A small group is active in the German-speaking area.

Mrs Eliane Gaillard  
*Presidential Representative*

## VENEZUELA

In one of the two Lodges the *Gayatri-Mantra* was studied and in the other *Self-Culture*. Both Lodges held a Basic Course on Theosophy.

At the request of the 'World Teacher Trust', a study of Theosophy was given to a group of about twenty-five persons in the Athenium of Caracas, which led to a radio programme on the Society.

Contacts with the study group in El Tigre diminished, due to distance and weather conditions in the area and the fact that the contact person was otherwise engaged.

Mrs Nelly Nouell  
*Coordinator for Venezuela*

## LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

### COVENANT LODGE (ISRAEL)

Three members' meetings were held weekly, subjects of study including 'Difficulties encountered in the Study of Occultism', 'Right and Wrong Motives on the Path', 'The Golden Stairs', *Light on the Path*, *The Yoga-Sutras* etc.

Three public meetings took place monthly, one of them in a public hall, attracting about forty participants, with subjects such as 'Theosophy and the Kabbala' and 'Balancing the Pairs of Opposites'. Subjects dealt with in public meetings in the Lodge premises included 'Reincarnation and Karma - Beliefs,

Illusions and Facts', 'Mysticism in Science and Science in Mysticism' and 'Creating Happiness'. Seminars and courses were also organized, the former with a participation of up to two hundred.

The International Secretary visited the Lodge and gave six well-attended talks.

Six issues of the magazine appeared.

The Lodge's mailing list includes three thousand sympathizers.

Mr Abraham Oron  
*President*

### NIPPON AND OSAKA LODGES (JAPAN)

(No Report)

### SINGAPORE

Thanks to the Theosophy courses, eighty-eight persons joined the Lodge, while forty-four lapsed. The courses were held three times, in March, June and

November/December, each lasting two weeks instead of seven as hitherto. Meditation courses were also organized. During informal study group meetings,

students could raise questions on matters not clear to them.

The subjects of talks and lectures included 'Gnosis and the Mysteries – A Look at Christianity's beginnings', 'Understanding Karma', 'The Purpose of the Theosophical Society' and 'Vegetarianism'. Videos were shown, including Krishnamurti videos.

The finances are in good shape.

The Chairman of the European Federation and the President of the Indo-Pacific Federation visited the Lodge and gave lectures.

An e-newsletter is available.

Mr Chong Sanne  
*President*

# FEDERATIONS

## EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The annual seminar in Italy organized in collaboration with the Federation took place in Turin, attracting sixty participants, the theme being 'Compassion according to the Doctrine of the Heart'. A Federation Seminar was also held in Lisbon, in cooperation with the Portuguese Section, on 'The Place of Religion in the World today'.

The International President was the guest of honour at the 'Pays Latins' Summer School held at the International

Theosophical Centre (ITC) in Naarden, the Netherlands.

The Chairman of the Federation held two seminars in Paris, Brussels and Geneva. She also gave a talk and a seminar in Iceland, conducted the School of the Wisdom at the ITC, and toured Australia.

Miss Trần-Thi-Kim-Điêu  
*Chairman*

## INDO-PACIFIC FEDERATION

The Federation President and the National President of the TS in Australia visited Karachi, Mumbai and Adyar in December 2005, holding talks and a seminar and workshop. The Federation President also visited and spoke in Sri Lanka and later, in July, in Singapore and Indonesia.

The Federation Newsletter was issued in December and in July. Copies of revamped publicity leaflets were supplied to several countries in the area. The Chinese edition of *At the Feet of the*

*Master* was sent to all Sections worldwide. Educational material, books, magazines and leaflets were supplied to interested persons in Myanmar and to Kuala Lumpur.

The Australian Section is very generous in its support of the Federation's work.

Mr Pedro Oliveira  
*President*



## INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

A Caribbean Seminar was held in Bogota, Colombia, under the banner of the Federation, on 'Education and Wisdom' from 3 to 7 May. This provided an opportunity to strengthen ties between members in the countries of the area. Over seventy members from eleven countries attended. Administrative meetings were also held on this occasion.

Lecture tours in the area were undertaken particularly by members of the TS in Argentina. The International Secretary visited Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Colombia, accompanied by the undersigned, holding lectures and seminars. Mrs Wies Kuiper visited

Curacao and gave a radio interview, a public lecture and a talk to members. Mr Isaac Jauli undertook successful tours in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Mrs Maria Parisen from the USA conducted a retreat in Costa Rica.

The IATF Newsletter is widely distributed twice a year in English and Spanish.

The 'First All Central American Convention' is planned for 10 to 14 October 2007, to take place in El Salvador.

Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind  
*President*

## PAN-AFRICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

Activities continue in the East and Central African Section, the focal point being Nairobi in Kenya, where a weekend seminar was held on 'Ethics and Moral Values in Society'.

The West African Section held a well attended School of the Wisdom on 'The Human Ego, Birth and Evolution' and a weekend seminar on 'Understanding Theosophy and the Purpose of Life on Earth'. The key-note of the Annual Convention was 'The TS, its work and

Theosophy'. It is planned to inaugurate the West African Headquarters building in Accra on 17 November.

The theme of the very successful South African Convention was 'The Light of Theosophy'. Prominent members visited the TS in England and in New Zealand.

Mr Tom Davis  
*Chairman*

# DIRECTORY AND MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

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## ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

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Miss Joy Mills, 22 Krotana Hill, Ojai, CA 93023, USA (for 2005, 2006 and 2007)

Mr Surendra Narayan, F – 225A Sainik Farms, New Delhi 110 062, India (for 2005, 2006 and 2007)

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Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind, SHIS QI 28 Conjunto 1, Casa 29 - Lago Sul, Brasilia DFF - 71.670-210, Brazil (for 2005, 2006 and 2007)

Mr Gabriel Burgos Suarez, Transversal 19, No.61-32 Bogotá 2, Colombia (South America) (for 2006, 2007 and 2008)

Mr Conrad Jamieson, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai 600 020, India (for 2006, 2007 and 2008)

Mr Paul Zwollo, International Theosophical Centre, Valkeveenselaan 19, NL - 1411 GT Naarden, The Netherlands (for 2007, 2008 and 2009)

Mr D. K. Govindaraj, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai 600 020, India (for 2007, 2008 and 2009)



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society  
held on Monday, 25 December 2006, at Adyar

### PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the chair) and proxy for Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Greece and Mr Gabriel Burgos Suarez</i>
Dr John Algeo	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Miss Joy Mills</i>
Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Treasurer</i>
Miss Mary Anderson	<i>Secretary and proxy for South Africa, West Africa, Argentina, Indonesia and Mr Surendra Narayan</i>
Mr Colin Price	<i>General Secretary, England</i>
Mr S. Sundaram	<i>General Secretary, India</i>
Ms Wies Kuiper	<i>General Secretary, the Netherlands, and proxy for Germany</i>
Mr Jose Tarrago	<i>General Secretary, Spain</i>
Mr Pertti Spets	<i>General Secretary, Sweden, and proxy for Finland and Iceland</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>Additional Member and proxy for New Zealand</i>
Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Mexico and the United States</i>
Miss Trần-Thi-Kim-Điêu	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal and Mr Curt Berg</i>
Mr Paul Zwollo	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr D. K. Govindaraj	<i>Additional Member as from 1.1.2007</i>

*Present by invitation as Observers:*

Dr Dusan Zagar	<i>Organizing Secretary, Slovenia</i>
Ms Maria Orlich	<i>Presidential Representative for Costa Rica</i>
Dr C. V. Agarwal	<i>Presidential Representative for South-East Asia</i>
Mr S. M. Jayatilleke	<i>Presidential Representative for Sri Lanka</i>

The list of proxies was read out as above. Mr Isaac Jauli Davila, translator for Mr Tarrago, was present next to him.

The President warmly welcomed those present.

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held at Adyar on 25 December 2005 and 1 January 2006 had been circulated. They were confirmed and signed.

### 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

These were dealt with under the relevant items.

### 3. Confirmation of Voting

(a) *Amendments to Rule 10(e) and Appendix B(a) of the international Rules and Regulations:*

The following amendments (in bold letters) to Rules 10(e) and Appendix B(a) had been circulated:

**'Rule 10. Election of President**

The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:....

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with **the names of the nominators of the respective candidates** and biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-Large attached to the Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their **nominators and candidates'** biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members who have reached the age of eighteen years on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration, who have been members in good standing for twenty-four consecutive months immediately prior to the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the results to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules...

**Appendix B. Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election**

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data **with the names of the nominators** as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary to ensure that the voting papers together with the **nominators' names and candidates'** biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the Candidates shall not be circulated.'

The results of the voting were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstained</i>	<i>Total</i>
30	2	3	35

The amendments were therefore adopted.

**(b) Re-election of Mr Paul Zwollo as Additional Member for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009**

The President had nominated Mr Paul Zwollo under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations for re-election as Additional Member of the General Council for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The results of the voting were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstained</i>	<i>Total</i>
35	-	-	35

Mr Paul Zwollo was declared re-elected Additional Member of the General Council for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

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### (c) Election of Mr D.K. Govindaraj as Additional Member for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009

The President had nominated Mr D. K. Govindaraj under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations for election as an Additional Member of the General Council for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The results of the voting were as follows:

For	Against	Abstained	Total
35	-	-	35

Mr D. K. Govindaraj was declared elected an Additional Member of the General Council for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

### 4. Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee

The Secretary reported that a grant of Sinhalese Rupees 40,000/- (the equivalent of approximately US\$ 367 or Euro 286) had been approved for the reprint of 1,000 copies of the Sinhalese translation of Colonel Olcott's *Buddhist Catechism*.

The following were appointed members of the NEPF Committee for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009:

The President  
The Vice-President  
Miss Joy Mills  
Miss Mary Anderson  
Mrs Terezinha Kind

### 5. Report of the International Finance Committee

The Secretary presented the report of the International Finance Committee for the year ended 30 September 2006.

Concerning the decision to make a donation of US\$1,000 each to the TS in Togo and the Ivory Coast, there had been no reply from Togo to a request for information and a budget and the TS in the Ivory Coast had submitted a budget containing large figures for a television set and sound equipment, a laptop and printer and information leaflets. The necessity for such equipment was not clear. We were moreover informed by the French Section that they send ten copies of their monthly magazine to the TS in the Ivory Coast and never receive an acknowledgement and that they are willing to supply information leaflets but have never received any requests. It was decided that no further steps should be taken in the matter for the time being.

The following were appointed members of the Committee for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009:

The President	Chairman
The Vice-President	Vice-Chairman
The Treasurer of the TS	
The Secretary of the TS	

### 6. Report by the President

The President informed the Council that about 100 sandalwood trees had been stolen, that more security guards had been engaged, with some success, and that the situation would be reassessed.

## 7. Appointment of Executive Committee for 2007

The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee for 2007:

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>	)	
Dr John Algeo	<i>Vice-President</i>	)	ex
Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Treasurer</i>	)	officio
Miss Mary Anderson	<i>Secretary</i>	)	
Mr D.K. Govindaraj	<i>General Council Member</i>		
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>General Council Member</i>		
Mr Sriram Panchu			
Dr C. V. Agarwal			
Mr S. Harihara Raghavan			

## 8. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006, which had previously been circulated, were considered and adopted. Some increase in the boarding charges in Leadbeater Chambers was suggested, and the matter will be considered. The overall financial position of the Society remains satisfactory.

## 9. Budget for the year ending 31 March 2008

The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2008, which had previously been circulated, was considered and adopted.

## 10. Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2008

Messrs Fraser and Ross, Chartered Accountants, were asking increased fees of some Rs.80,000/-, double the previous figure. It was suggested that a lesser amount be offered to them and that another firm of chartered accounts be contacted and asked for an estimate.

The meeting was adjourned until 1 January 2007 to discuss Theosophical work around the world and any other business.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society  
held on Monday, 1 January 2007, at Adyar

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President and proxy for Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Greece and Mr Gabriel Burgos Suarez</i>
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Mr Paul Zwollo	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr D. K. Govindaraj	<i>Additional Member</i>

*Present by invitation as Observers:*

Ms Maria Orlich	<i>Presidential Representative for Costa Rica</i>
Dr C. V. Agarwal	<i>Presidential Representative for South-East Asia</i>

Mr Isaac Jauli Davila, translator for Mr Tarrago, was present next to him.

**11. Discussion on Theosophical Work around the World**

Property concerns and other problems in Ireland, Sri Lanka, the Netherlands, and England were discussed.

These matters included the Theosophical property in Dublin dealt with last year, use of the headquarters property in Colombo, private property adjacent to Naarden, and plans to sell part of the Tekels Park land.

The following developments were reported: purchased land in Costa Rica for a future Caribbean TS Centre, growth of the St Rafael Centre in Argentina, renovation of Blavatsky Bungalow at Adyar and creation of a new bookshop.

The meeting was adjourned sine die.

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